



2017 VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Applications are due to VLEC@vachiefs.org by **Friday, May 5, 2017, by 11:59 PM**

Click here for a copy of the LEC How-To Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

Agency (as it would appear on an award): Culpeper Police Department
 Agency Category: Municipal
 Total Number of Sworn Personnel: 44 Total Number of Uniformed Officers on the Street: 22
 Submitter(s) (main point of contact for application): Officer Julia Cole
 Department: Culpeper Police Department
 Address: 740 Old Brandy Rd City: Culpeper State: VA Zip: 22701
 Submitter Phone: 540-727-3430 ext. 5589 Submitter Email: Jscholwer@culpeperva.gov
 Department Head: Chief Chris Jenkins Email: cjenkins@culpeperva.gov

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS PACKET

CHECKLIST

Each attachment should be no longer or larger than 10 pages and 10 MB.

- NLEC Application **(required)** _____
- Speed Awareness Narrative **(required)** _____
- Speed Awareness Policies **(required)** _____
- Impaired Driving Narrative **(required)** _____
- Impaired Driving Policies **(required)** _____
- Occupant Protection Narrative **(required)** _____
- Occupant Protection Policies **(required)** _____
- State/Local Issue Narrative **(required)** _____
- State Local Issue Policies **(required)** _____
- Special Award Application(s) (1 attachment including narratives and policies for each award) (optional) _____

SPECIAL AWARD CONSIDERATIONS

- Impaired Driving* X
- Occupant Protection* X
- Speed Awareness* X
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety _____
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety _____
- Distracted Driving _____
- Motorcycle Safety _____
- Technology X
- Traffic Incident Management _____
- State/Local Issue is Special Award _____
- Consideration** **yes** _____ **no** Yes
- If yes, which one?*
- Traffic Crashes and Pedestrian Safety

**Your agency is automatically considered for this Special Award upon submission of NLEC application*
***Cannot be Speed Awareness, Impaired Driving, or Occupant Protection; must be chosen from other Special Awards*

SUBMISSION DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Total roadway crashes in 2014: 236
2. Total roadway crashes in 2015: 273
3. Total roadway crashes in 2016: 237
4. Total fatal crashes in 2014: 2
5. Total fatal crashes in 2015: 2
6. Total fatal crashes in 2016: 0
7. Total injury crashes in 2014: 101
8. Total injury crashes in 2015: 85
9. Total injury crashes in 2016: 94

IMPAIRED DRIVING

For guidance on completing your Impaired Driving attachments, please refer to page 5 of the How-To Guide:

<http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making impaired driving enforcement a priority: yes X no _____
2. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in impaired driving: 44
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for impaired driving detection and apprehension:
yes X no _____
4. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2014: 72
5. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2015: 71
6. Number of Impaired Driving Arrests in 2016: 74
7. Total number of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: 13
8. Percentage of fatal and injury crashes related to Impaired Driving in 2016: 5%
9. This agency is allowed to conduct Impaired Driving Checkpoints: yes X no _____
10. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Impaired Driving (saturation patrols, checkpoints, etc.): 47
11. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued in target areas?: 74
12. Output Statistics: How many DUI citations were issued during the target times?: 74
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
14. Output Statistics: How many contacts in target areas?: N/A

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

For guidance on completing your Occupant Protection attachments, please refer to page 6 of the How-To Guide:

<http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making safety belt and child passenger safety enforcement a priority: yes X no _____
2. This agency has a written policy requiring officer safety belt use: yes X no _____
3. Does your state have a Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Law?: yes _____ no X _____
4. Your state's average safety belt use percentage rate in 2016: 86.4%
5. Your jurisdiction's safety belt use percentage rate at the beginning of 2016: 77%
6. Your jurisdiction's safety belt use percentage rate at the end of 2016: 81%
7. Number of officers who received training in 2016 in occupant protection: 44
8. This agency participates in Saved by the Belt/Air Bag (officer and/or citizen) awards programs: yes ___ no X ___
9. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2014: 73
10. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2015: 23
11. Number of Seat Belt Citations in 2016: 74
12. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2014: 12
13. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2015: 3
14. Number of Child Seat Citations in 2016: 18
15. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Occupant Protection: 4
16. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: 18
17. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: 18
18. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
19. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: N/A

SPEED AWARENESS

For guidance on completing your Speed Awareness Submission attachments, please refer to page 8 of the How-To

Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making speed enforcement a priority: yes X no _____
2. Number of officers who received speed-related training in 2016: 44
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for speed detection and apprehension: yes X no _____
4. Number of Speeding Citations in 2014: 865
5. Number of Speeding Citations in 2015: 598
6. Number of Speeding Citations in 2016: 820
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed: 4
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to speed: 2%
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for Speed: 18
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in target areas?: 314
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: 314
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: N/A

STATE/LOCAL ISSUE

Your State/Local Issue cannot be Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection, or Speed Awareness. For guidance on completing your State/Local Issue attachments, please refer to page 9 of the How-To Guide: <http://bit.ly/22aMcCW>

1. This agency has a written policy making this issue a priority: yes no
2. Number of officers who received training related to this issue in 2016: 44
3. This agency participates in officer recognition programs for this issue: yes no
4. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2014: 184
5. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2015: 216
6. Number of citations issued involving this issue in 2016: 185
7. Total number of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue: 7
8. Percentage of 2016 fatal and injury crashes related to this issue: 6%
9. Number of Special Enforcement Efforts in 2016 for this issue: 8
10. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued in the target areas?: 32
11. Output Statistics: How many citations were issued during the target times?: 32
12. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made? (total): N/A
13. Output Statistics: How many contacts were made in target areas?: N/A
14. How many special team enforcement details were directed at the State/Local Issue (not routine patrol)?:
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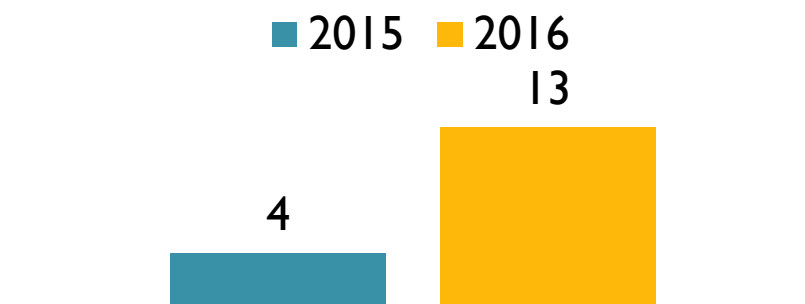
DUI Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department recognize that motorist impaired by alcohol or drugs pose a serious threat to highway safety. A comprehensive, coordinated and continuing effort by all members of the Department involving education, enforcement, adjudication and public support is essential in combating the drunk driving problem. All officers shall make an intense effort to detect and arrest the intoxicated driver.

Problem Identification

Each year the amount of alcohol related crashes are analyzed by the department. In 2015 the department recorded 4 alcohol related crashes and 0 drug impairment related crashes. During 2016 there were 6 alcohol related crashes and 7 drug impairment crashes. This was a total of 13 impairment crashes which is an increase over 2015.

Impaired Related Crashes



Impaired Related Crashes



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DUI Enforcement

Planning

The Culpeper Police Department develops goal and objectives for each fiscal year. These goals and objectives cover every aspect of law enforcement which includes traffic safety.

GOAL #7

The Culpeper Police Department strives to enhance traffic enforcement and education to the community with an emphasis on residential traffic, school zones pedestrian crosswalks and selective enforcement locations to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents within the Town of Culpeper by:

Objective #1

Increase selective enforcement by 5%.

Objective #2

Increasing enforcement of seat belts by 2%

Objective #3

Increasing enforcement of speeding by 2%

Objective #4

Increasing enforcement of driving under the influence by 5%

Objective #5

Increasing parking enforcement by 5%

Objective #6

To conduct pedestrian crosswalk enforcement.


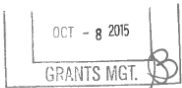


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DUI Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department **did** received DMV grants during 2016 for overtime pay for selective enforcement areas. A total of **74** DUI arrests were made in 2016. **Zero tolerance** was practiced during driving under the influence enforcement. Of **74** arrests, **71** were made during regular patrol. A DMV grant was given for speed enforcement which resulted in **3** DUI arrests. A copy of a DMV grant can be seen below.

 <p>www.dmv.virg.cdm Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Post Office Box 27412 Richmond, Virginia 23269-0001</p>	
Purpose:	Virginia's Highway Safety Program Sub Recipients use this form to certify and assure that they will fully comply with all terms of the Highway Safety Grant Agreement.
Instructions:	Sub Recipients must read the contract, complete all applicable information on the first and last page, initial the subsequent pages, and return all pages to the Department of Motor Vehicles.
This Highway Safety Grant Agreement is entered into between the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (hereinafter "Department"), 2300 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220, and the following:	
Sub Recipient:	<u>Culpeper Town</u>
Project Title:	<u>Selective Enforcement - Speed</u>
Project Number/CFDA Number:	<u>SC-2016-56357-6557-20.600</u>
Grant Award Amount	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
Source of funds obligated to this award:	U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Period of Performance for this project (hereinafter "Grant Period"):	From October 1, 2015, or the date the Highway Safety Grant Agreement is signed by the Director, Virginia Highway Safety Office (whichever is later) through September 30, 2016. Allow 21 days for the Department to complete its review and signature. FINAL VOUCHER IS DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 5, 2016.
In performing its responsibilities under this Highway Safety Grant Agreement, the Sub Recipient certifies and assures that it will fully comply with the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable Department regulations and policies and state and federal laws, regulations, and policies • Statement of Work and Special Conditions and an Approved Budget, included with this Highway Safety Grant Agreement • General Terms and Conditions, also included with this Highway Safety Grant Agreement 	
Sub Recipient's signature below indicates that the Sub Recipient has read, understands and agrees to fully comply with all terms and conditions of this Highway Safety Grant Agreement without alteration. This Highway Safety Grant Agreement (hereinafter "Grant Agreement"), consisting of this certification; the attached Statement of Work and Special Conditions; the attached General Terms and Conditions; the attached Project Budget; the Sub Recipient's proposal; and the letter awarding the grant to the Sub Recipient constitutes the entire agreement between the Department and the Sub Recipient, supersedes any prior oral or written agreement between the parties and may not be modified except by written agreement as provided herein. Where any conflict arises between terms, the following is the order of governance of one term over another: (1) applicable Department regulations and policies, except where superseded by federal laws, regulations, or policies (2) applicable state laws, regulations, and policies, except where superseded by federal laws, regulations, or policies; (3) applicable federal laws, regulations, and policies; (4) Statement of Work and Special Conditions; (5) General Terms and Conditions; (6) Project Budget; (7) Sub Recipient's proposal; and (8) grant award letter.	
SIGNATURES OF AUTHORIZED APPROVING OFFICIALS	
For Sub Recipient:	For Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles:
<u>Sergei Micholski, Support Division Manager</u> Name and Title of Authorized Approving Official (print)	<u>John Standers</u> Name and Title of Authorized Approving Official (print)
<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>[Signature]</u> Signature
<u>9/22/15</u> Date	<u>10/9/15</u> Date
<u>Crisis Hiebel, Town Manager</u> Name and Title of Authorized Approving Official (print)	
<u>DC1506445</u> Sub Recipient's DUNS Number	
Does your locality/legal entity expend \$750,000 or more annually in total federal funds? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>9/25/15</u> Date
	



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DUI Enforcement Training

Four officers attended Basic SFT's classes which explained new techniques for sobriety testing.

ALL Culpeper Police Department Officers are trained on PBT's and standard FSTs. The Department currently has **21** certified Intox EC IR II. There were **6** operators that were re-certified in 2016. **ALL** officers participated in roll call training for the 2016 Legislative Update which included information on changing traffic and DUI laws.

Department of Forensic Science			
Active Operators			
Culpeper PD			
04-May-17			
Operator Name	Operator Number	Certification Date	Expiration Date
BAHL, II, JOHN A.	27002	01-Apr-16	01-Apr-18
BANKS, ASHLEY R.	23392	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
BARONE, JOHN P.	24012	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
BERRY, SR., ANTHONY E.	21641	01-Oct-16	01-Oct-18
CARUSO, ANTHONY N.	28847	01-Oct-16	01-Oct-18
COLE, DAVID S.	26792	01-Dec-15	01-Dec-17
COOPER, IV, ALFRED J.	22048	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
DODSON, JR., JEFFREY P.	23921	01-Dec-16	01-Dec-18
GRANT, MICHAEL E.	26820	01-Dec-15	01-Dec-17
HAYMAKER, MATTHEW J.	24799	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
HICKMAN, WAYNE W.	21787	01-Mar-17	01-Mar-19
HILL, HOLLY J.	19515	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
MCKNIGHT, RICHARD E.	24974	01-Dec-15	01-Dec-17
MCNEILL, DANIEL F.	28854	01-Oct-16	01-Oct-18
MYERS, III, LONNIE W.	18993	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
REES, LEE B.	20184	01-Sep-15	01-Sep-17
SADLER, JEFFREY B.	11992	01-Dec-16	01-Dec-18
SISK, TIMOTHY W.	20288	01-Dec-15	01-Dec-17
SLAUGHTER, JOHN O.	23200	01-May-15	01-May-17
TERRILL, ANDREW S.	18523	01-Mar-17	01-Mar-19
TOOLEY, KEVIN S.	19414	01-Dec-16	01-Dec-18
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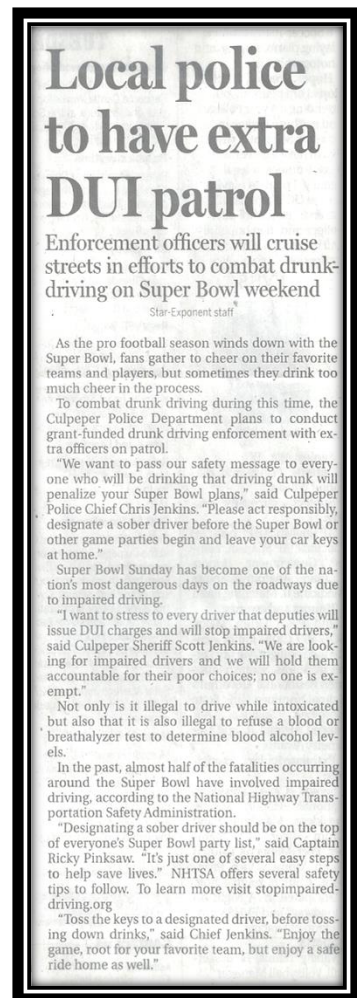
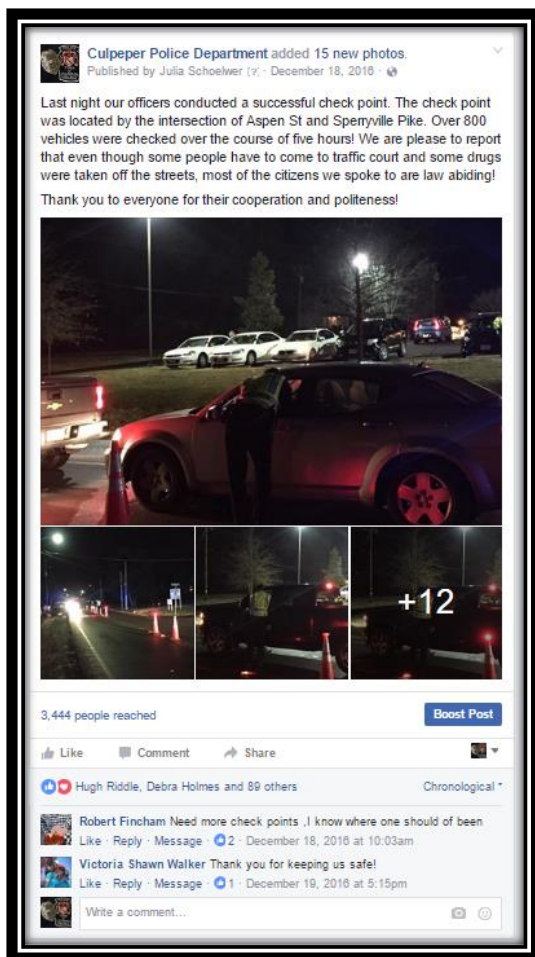
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DUI Enforcement

Public Information and Education

The Culpeper Police Department keeps the public informed of upcoming patrols for holiday weekends. Regular posts on Facebook and Twitter are made reminding the public of the dangers of impaired driving and during DUI campaigns, posts are made daily.



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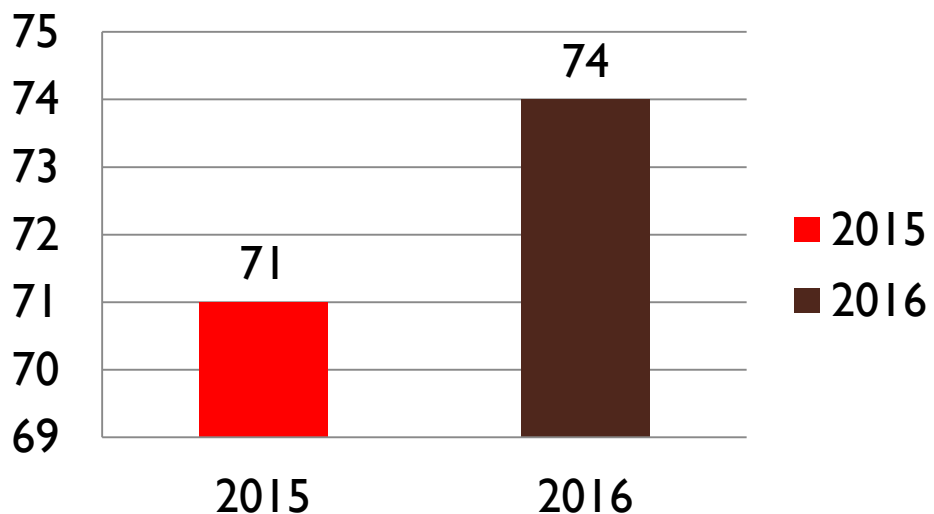


DUI Enforcement

OUTCOME

The Culpeper Police Department saw a **increase** in DUI arrest compared to 2015. We contribute the **increase** to an active patrol section for zero tolerance on DUIs. During **2015** there were **71** DUI arrest compared to **74** in **2016**.

DUI Arrest



This data is for the calendar year. The department **did not** reach their goal of 5% increase for FY16. This encompasses some of 2015 calendar year. In FY15 there were **89** arrest compared to **64** for FY16



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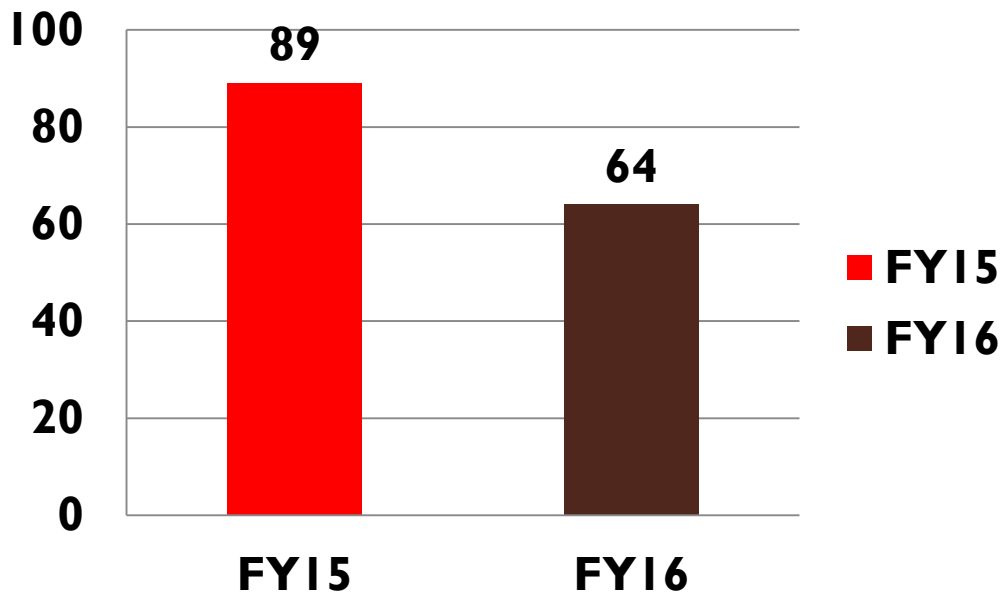


DUI Enforcement

OUTCOME

The Culpeper Police Department sets the goals according to the fiscal year calendar. There was an **increase** of DUI arrests for the calendar year, but for the fiscal year there was a **decrease**. The fiscal year encompasses a little of two calendar years.

DUI Arrest



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DUI Enforcement

OUTCOME

The increase in DUI enforcement was accomplished by the FY16 goal that was set. The efforts in DUI enforcement will continue in an effort in providing the citizens of Culpeper with safe travels on the roads.

Goal #7

The Culpeper Police Department strives to enhance traffic enforcement and education to the community with an emphasis on residential traffic, school zones, pedestrian crosswalks and selective enforcement locations to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents within the Town of Culpeper by:

Objective #4

Increase enforcement of driving under the influence by 5%

NOT ACCOMPLISHED: DUI enforcement was down by 28.09% with 64 arrests in FY16 compared to 89 arrests in FY15.



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DUI Enforcement

Officer Dan Adair received the 2016 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for his outstanding effort in DUI enforcement. He also received recognition within the department for his DUI enforcement and education efforts.

The Culpeper Police Department continues to be proactive in enforcing DUI infractions in the Town of Culpeper and takes a **zero tolerance** approach.



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Law Enforcement Challenge



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DUI
ENFORCEMENT
POLICY



Our written policy/guidelines making impaired driving enforcement a priority.

CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT General Orders	
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC EFFECTIVE: July 30, 2014	NUMBER: CHAPTER 29

DUI ENFORCEMENT

Motorists impaired by alcohol or drugs pose a serious threat to the safety of the motoring public. A comprehensive, coordinated and continuing effort by all members of the Department involving education, enforcement, adjudication and public support is essential in combating the drunk driving problem. All officers shall make an intense effort to detect and arrest the drunk driver.

1. Officers shall be alert for signs of alcohol or drug impairment in all contact with motorists. After initial examination at the scene of a traffic contact and upon determination that probable cause to arrest exists, officers shall affect a physical arrest of the subject.
2. Chemical tests will be offered in accordance with the Code of Virginia, 18.2-266-269, Departmental Policy and procedures established by the Culpeper County General District Court.
3. Officers must realize chemical tests are supplemental tools and a refusal to submit to a chemical test will not constitute cause to issue a summons for a lesser violation.
4. All supervisors will ensure that officers under their command are familiar with all aspects of DUI detection, field sobriety testing, and DUI prosecution.

Education is an important element in combating the drunk driving problem. The Special Operations Lieutenant, or his/her designee, has the primary responsibility for DUI and driver safety awareness programs for schools and other civic organization

CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT General Orders	
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DUI ARRESTS

The detection and arrest of drunk drivers differs from that of other traffic law violators. There are specific legal limits of drug or alcohol intoxication, and the law is specific with regards to the implied consent statute, and for guidelines regarding chemical tests. These laws in the Code of Virginia, 18.2-266-269, outline the officer's scope of authority and establish procedures for detection, arrest, and processing of an intoxicated driver.

Detection is the first step in DUI enforcement. This is when an officer establishes probable cause to arrest. Detection includes:

- Recognizing and identifying specific driving behaviors that signify the driver may be impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Recognizing and identifying specific behavior occurring during traffic stops that provide evidence or suspicion that the driver may be intoxicated.
- Documenting all observations which lead the officer to believe that the driver may be intoxicated.
- The use of caution when pursuing an intoxicated driver and always being alert for unpredictable reactions.
- Avoiding prolonged pursuit and apprehending as soon as possible in a safe location.
- Notifying the dispatcher of the vehicle description, location stopped and whether assistance is needed.
- Interviewing the driver and passengers.
- Administering appropriate field sobriety tests to assess impairment of the driver.
- Formulating appropriate arrest decisions based on the evidence accumulated. Test results and driving behavior should be collectively weighed in the decision to arrest. The driver may refuse the field sobriety tests. Officers may arrest solely on the basis of driving behavior and personal contact with the driver.

CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT General Orders	
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DUI ARRESTS

If the officer has satisfied the elements of a DUI violation, a physical arrest shall be made.

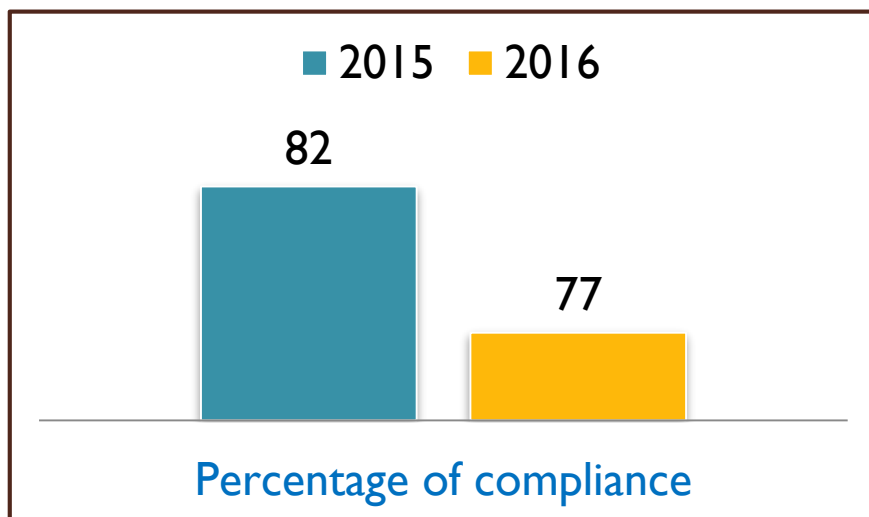
- **The subject should be handcuffed and searched.**
- The subject's vehicle may be released to a responsible party with the owner's approval or towed in accordance with General Order 29.4.3, *Abandoned Vehicles, Tow Policy, Towing Records*.
- **Notify the subject of their rights and responsibilities**
- **Transport the subject to the CPD where a state certified breathalyzer operator may administer the test.**
- **Take the subject and completed forms to the magistrate to obtain the appropriate warrant. If a breath test is performed and the results are below the level of consumption by law, the officer may request a blood test of the officer has reasonable suspicion that the subject may test positive for a known specific narcotic drug.**
- **If a blood test is administered, take the subject to the magistrate to obtain the appropriate warrant. The officer shall log the vial into evidence and submit it to the property room.**
- **If the subject refuses to submit to a chemical test, the officer shall take the subject to a magistrate. If the subject refuses to take a test at the magistrate's request a warrant for refusal will be requested. The officer shall also proceed according to the Code of Virginia, 46.2-391.2, for the administrative suspension of the subject's license.**

Occupant Safety Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department has recognized occupant protection as a public safety priority that is taken seriously by our agency. The Department takes pride in their child safety seat programs, seat belt education and enforcement efforts to increase the awareness of Occupant Safety.

Problem Identification

The Culpeper Police Department uses monthly traffic analysis, and pre and post surveys from the Click It or Ticket Campaign to monitor occupant safety usage. The Post Survey for **2015** showed an **82%** compliance after the campaign. The Pre-Survey of **2016** showed an **77%** compliance. This was a **5% decrease**.





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Occupant Safety Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department completed the Pre-Survey for Click It or Ticket on May 4, 2016 by observing 100 vehicles on James Madison Hwy. It was discovered that there was a **77%** compliance.

Seat Belt Survey Form
 2016 Click It or Ticket May Mobilization

Safety belt pre-surveys should be conducted between
 April 25 - May 8
 Due date in TREDS is May 13, 2016.

Pre-survey

Name of Department: Culpeper Police Department
 Survey Date & Time: May 4, 2016
 Survey Conducted by: MPO Tim Sisk
 Phone Number: 540-727-3430 ext. 5517

Survey Location: James Madison/Hendricks
 Code/Badge #: PD40

ALL VEHICLES
 (100 Driver Observations at Survey Location)

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Occupant Safety Enforcement

Planning

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Increase selective enforcement by 5%.

Objective #2

Increasing enforcement of seat belts by 2%

Objective #3

Increasing enforcement of speeding by 2%

Objective #4

Increasing enforcement of driving under the influence by 5%

Objective #5

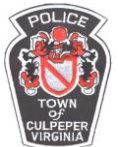
Increasing parking enforcement by 5%

Objective #6

To conduct pedestrian crosswalk enforcement



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Occupant Safety Enforcement Training

The Culpeper Police Department has **four** certified child safety seat technicians. **One** officer is eligible to be certified as a child passenger safety instructor by Safe Kids Worldwide. **One** officer attended a **two** day class on child safety seat installation involving children with special needs. The department also now has a volunteer who is also a certified instructor and technician.

All officers are required to wear their safety belts while operating a town owned vehicle.



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Public Information and Education

The Culpeper Police Department has a partnership with the Novant Health UVA Health System Culpeper Medical Center to teach new parents the importance of occupant safety for children. There is one class taught every month with an average of 6 parents attending each class.

Our Department participated in **7** public education events in 2016. At each event, we had a staffed booth and provided information on seat belts, child safety seats, and impaired driving. Information provided was targeted for both children and adults.

Our Department participated in **13** scheduled child safety seat inspection stations. With **three** full time officers trained in child safety seat installation, there is usually an officer available from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to assist our community. Our Community Service Officers are available to make appointments with citizens who wish to ensure that their child safety seat is inspected.

In conjunction with our local day care facilities, we continue to educate parents on child safety seat installation. This is an on-going effort due to the continuous influx of children into day care facilities. Our officers routinely visit these day care providers to ensure that all children are safe and in the appropriate child protection seat.



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Occupant Safety Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department participated in the media blitz for the Click It or Ticket campaign. Officers placed public safety announcements on the local radio stations and on our social media pages in addition to signs around town as well as on patrol vehicles.



Click It or Ticket signs were placed throughout the town educating the public of the upcoming enforcement. Articles were also placed in the local newspaper expressing the importance of occupant safety.



Police participate in Click-It-Or-Ticket

Town Report
 The Culpeper Police Department is again participating in the annual Click-It-Or-Ticket initiative designed to urge motorists and passengers to wear seat belts.

"It takes just a few seconds to click the seat belt and possibly save someone from serious injury or death," said Culpeper Police Chief Chris Jenkins. "It is a proven fact that wearing a seat belt not only saves lives but also helps prevent serious injury."

From May 19 through June 1, Culpeper Police plan to conduct saturation patrols looking for seat belt violations as part of the annual Click-It-Or-Ticket initiative.

"There is no reason that many people should die because they didn't take the time to buckle up."

CULPEPER POLICE CHIEF
CHRIS JENKINS

In 2012, Culpeper County recorded 658 crashes, with 14 fatalities. During that same period 445 people were injured in accidents, 43 were not wearing seat-belts, according to DMV.

The upcoming Memorial Day holiday is the first major summer holiday of the season. Families take to the road for their summer vacation. Some will not make it to that vacation or back home.

During the 2013 Memorial Day weekend, seven people lost their lives on Virginia roadways, according to the Virginia State Police.

Seat belts prevent ejections during a crash. Last year in Virginia, more than half of all traffic fatalities, or 310 deaths, involved unrestrained drivers or passengers. Most of the unrestrained accidents happened between 6 p.m. and 3 a.m.

"There is no reason that many people should die because they didn't take the time to buckle up," said Jenkins. "Using a seat belt is the single most important way for you or your family to avoid serious injury or death."


According to state code, any driver and any other person at

See TICKET, page A6

Culpeper Police Department
Published by Julia Schoelwer · December 21, 2016

The two outcomes of your child not being the correct seat: \$141 ticket or \$4,500-10,000 for a funeral per child. Are you willing to gamble with your child's life?

Do you need help making sure that your child's seat is properly installed? Call us and set up a free appointment with one of our car seat technicians!



NOT ALL CAR SEATS FIT IN ALL VEHICLES.

Test the car seat you plan to buy to make sure it fits well in your vehicle.

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Patricia Stotter Harrod What is the age and weight for the front seat
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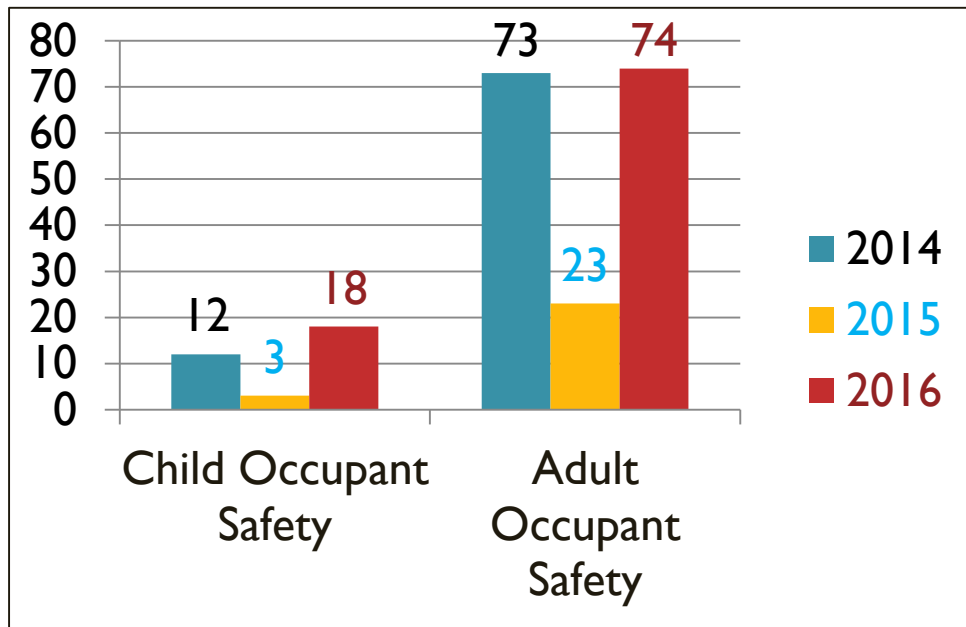


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Occupant Safety Enforcement

The Culpeper Police Department **increased** its traffic enforcement and education efforts in 2016. There were **increases** in child occupant safety enforcement and in adult violations for 2016. The **increase** in child occupant violations is believed to be the result of more community education provided by the Police Department. There were **12** citations for child passenger seats in **2014** and **3** in **2015** and **18** in **2016**. This was an **increase** of **15** summons. There was an **increase** in adult violations in comparison to 2015. There were **73** citations for seatbelts in **2014** and **23** in **2015** and **74** in **2016**. This is an **increase** of **51** summons for 2016. The Department has continued education through neighborhood watch groups, community meetings and special events. There has also been an **increase** of visibility in all enforcement areas for 2016.





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Occupant Safety Enforcement

Outcome

The Culpeper Police Department completed the Post Survey for Click It or Ticket on June 13, 2016 by observing 100 vehicles on James Madison Hwy. It was discovered that there was a **81%** compliance compared to **77%** on the pre-survey and the current state average for compliance is **86.4%**.

Seat Belt Survey Form
2016 Click It or Ticket May Mobilization

Safety belt post-surveys should be conducted
between June 6-17
Due date in TREDs is June 30, 2016.

Post-survey

Name of Department: Culpeper Police Department
Survey Date & Time: June 13, 2016 1545
Survey Location: James Madison / Hendrick Street
Survey Conducted by: MPO T. W. Sisk
Phone Number: 540-727-3430
Code/Badge #: PD40

ALL VEHICLES
(100 Driver Observations at Survey Location)

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Safety belt post-surveys - Due date is June 30, 2016.

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Occupant Safety Enforcement

Goal #7

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Objective #2

Increasing enforcement of seat belts by 2%.

ACCOMPLISHED: The agency increased seat belt enforcement by 1.75% in FY16 with 58 summonses written as compared to 57 summonses written in FY15.

Recognition

Sergeant Norma McGuckin received the 2016 Leadership Award from the DMV for her efforts during the 2016 Click It or Ticket It campaign.



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OCCUPANT SAFETY
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POLICY



Our written policy/guidelines making enforcement of safety belt and child passenger safety restraint laws a priority. **The contents attached are highlights from the police that apply to the required sections.**

CULPEPER POLICE DEPARTMENT General Orders	
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC EFFECTIVE: July 30, 2014	NUMBER: CHAPTER 29

ENFORCEMENT

The Culpeper Police Department recognizes the need for motorists and occupants to use seat belts and child safety restraints in an attempt to reduce personal injuries in motor vehicle accidents.

Seat Belt Enforcement:

- **Seat Belt violations are considered a secondary violation**, which means unless the officer issuing the citation has cause to stop or arrest the driver of the motor vehicle for the violation of some other provision of the Virginia Code or local ordinance relating to the
- operation, ownership, or maintenance of a motor vehicle or criminal statute. **Upon inspection if the officer observes that the motorist or passengers are not properly restrained they may issue a uniform traffic summons. Officers will charge the violator under Virginia State Code 46.2-1094.** Officers need to familiarize themselves with the above Virginia State Code.

Child Safety Restraints Enforcement:

- **Child Safety Restraint violations are considered a primary violation**, which means that an officer can initiate a traffic stop for observation of this violation. **Officers will charge the driver of the motor vehicle under Virginia State Code 46.2-1095.** Officers need to familiarize themselves with the above Virginia State Code.

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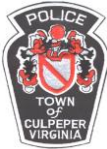
USE OF SEAT BELTS

Use of seat belts by CPD personnel will be in accordance with the Code of Virginia, 46.2-1094.

All passengers or prisoners being transported in CPD vehicles will use seat belts in accordance with state law.

Any child, up to age eight, whom is transported in a Town owned vehicle must be properly secured in a child restraint seat in accordance with the Code of Virginia, 46.2-1095. This does not apply under any exigent circumstances.





Speed Enforcement



The Culpeper Police Department is committed to providing its citizens with the highest quality service by providing public and traffic safety. The department uses traffic classifiers, digital speed signs, traffic analysis, and citizen complaints to stay proactive in speed enforcement.

Problem Identification

The Culpeper Police Department currently has **23** active Neighborhood Watch Programs. The citizens of the neighborhoods keep their liaison officers informed of issues that may be occurring. The department gains a lot of knowledge from the citizen complaints. One of the leading complaints deals with speeding in the neighborhoods. A traffic complaint form will be completed by the officer and forwarded to the Community Policing Division. A triannual survey is mailed to all citizens to evaluate the services provided by the department. One of the top issues is **speed enforcement**.

A monthly traffic analysis is completed to discuss issues and identify areas that need specific enforcement. These enforcement areas shall be directed toward driving behavior that contribute to accidents.

Officers logged approximately **520** hours of targeted Selective Enforcement. There were **29** designated areas selected.

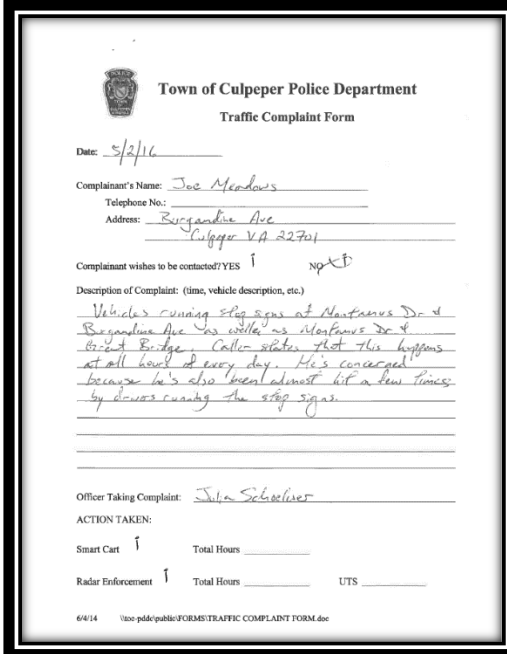



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The traffic complaint form identifies **the problem, place occurring,** and **time** that the concern is being observed. This form is one way that assist the department in locating and identifying a problem area. Once this is received, the Community Policing Division will use observations and technology items to determine a plan of action.



 **Town of Culpeper Police Department**
Traffic Complaint Form

Date: 5/2/16

Complainant's Name: Joe Meadows
Telephone No.: _____
Address: Burganville Ave
Culpeper VA 22701

Complainant wishes to be contacted? YES NO

Description of Complaint: (time, vehicle description, etc.)
Vehicles running stop signs at Hartman's Dr & Burganville Ave. Has called us numerous times & Best Bridge. Caller states that this happens at all hours of every day. He's concerned because he's also been almost hit a few times by drivers running the stop signs.

Officer Taking Complaint: Jana Schwalier

ACTION TAKEN:

Smart Cart Total Hours _____
Radar Enforcement Total Hours _____ UTS _____

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The traffic complaints received during the month are reviewed along with the summonses issued to determine if adequate enforcement is being applied to the identified high violation rate locations.



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The Culpeper Police Department utilizes technology to help develop data for concern areas. They use a Smart Sign and a Traffic Classifier.

The Smart Sign is placed at various locations throughout Town limits. This device assists in educating the public and serves as a speed deterrent in certain areas. The device has the posted speed limit for that area on display. It is placed in a possible problem area for a period of 7-8 days per location. The data collected is used to identify actual areas that require selective enforcement by officers.

Traffic Classifiers are utilized in areas of concern identified by citizen complaints, analysis of traffic accidents and violations written in an a certain area. The Police Department utilizes JAMAR Technologies devices to record speed, volume, size of vehicle, and time violations are occurring.



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The Smart Sign (including one classifier) was utilized **20,098.75** hours in 2016. The individual set of classifiers were utilized a total of **96** hours in 2016. The total for both was **20,194.75** hours.

MONTHS UTILIZED	HOURS REPORTED
January	671
February	1,038
March	1,486.5
April	1,534
May	1,486
June	2,147.5
July	1,949
August	2,025.75
September	1,860.25
October	2,159.25
November	2,404
December	1,433.5
TOTAL	20,194.75

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Objective #2

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Objective #3

Increasing enforcement of speeding by 2%

Objective #4

Increasing enforcement of driving under the influence by 5%

Objective #5

Increasing parking enforcement by 5%

Objective #6

To conduct pedestrian crosswalk enforcement

Selective enforcement activities are based on analysis of traffic accident citizen complaints, and officer knowledge or as directed by the Chief of Police, Town Manager or Council. Enforcement efforts are directed toward driving behavior that contributes to accidents.



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Speed Enforcement

DMV Grants were utilized for overtime pay to assist in enforcing speed violations during 2016. The Lieutenant of the Community Policing Division coordinates DMV grant overtime assignments. Officers can sign up for scheduled time slots that range from 2 to 6 hours long. This flexibility allows the department to target enforcement in problem areas.

The grants dedicated **260 hours** toward speed enforcement and **ALL** of the hours were used. During 2016 there were **15** saturated patrols that concentrated on speed enforcement.

The following officers are assigned DMV overtime for the 2016 calendar year. Each of the following officers have 2.5 hours of overtime to complete by December 31, 2016:

Title and Name:

- Ofc. D. Adair
- Sgt. L. Altman
- Ofc. J. Bahl
- Ofc. T. Caruso
- Lt. A. Cooper
- Ofc. C. DeJarnette
- Lt. J. Dodson
- Ofc. C. Garcia
- MPO Det. B. Jenkins
- Ofc. K. Keat
- Det. A. McNabb
- Sgt. L. Myers
- Ofc. M. Satterfield
- Det. S. Sumey
- Lt. A. Terrill



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Training

One officer was recertified as a Radar instructor. **34** officers were recertified in Radar/Lidar use and **8** officers were certified in Radar/Lidar.

All new officers receive certification in Radar and Lidar Operations. **All** officers are trained on the different types of Radar and Lidar utilized by the department.

Two members of our department were trained in DMV grants to ensure that our department is able to continue utilizing DMV grants to aid in speed enforcement.

Twelve officers received special training regarding off-highway vehicles.



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Public Information

Newspaper articles are posted in the local paper and weekly posts are made to social media to inform the citizens of updated laws and safety tips.

Culpeper Police Department
Published by Julia Schoelwer (7) · November 3, 2016 · 🌐

Please be advised!
The Town of Culpeper will be trimming trees on E. Davis Street starting Thursday, November 3, 2016. East Davis Street will be closed to thru traffic from the intersection of East Street to the intersection with Commerce Street to facilitate a safety work zone. Weather permitting, work should be completed by 3 pm, Friday, November 4, 2016.
"Motorists are encouraged to pay attention to changing conditions within the safety work zone," said Assistant Public Works Director Gary Wise.

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Published by Julia Schoelwer (7) · November 2, 2016 · 🌐

This month, officers will be paying special attention to the following areas:
-Aberdeen Dr
-Sunset Ln
-Epiphany School (new traffic pattern)
-East St and Chandler St
-N. Blue Ridge Ave
-Montanus Dr and Burgandine Ave
Remember to slow down, pay attention, and watch for pedestrians!

1,480 people reached [Boost Post](#)

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Alyssa Jenkins Katie Jenkins, did you see this? Now we know where not to drive through town. Lord knows you don't need another ticket! #speeder
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Culpeper Police Department
Published by Julia Schoelwer (7) · December 6, 2016 · 🌐

If your wipers are on, your headlights need to be on! It's the law!

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👤 Hugh Riddle, Johnny Slaughter and 22 others

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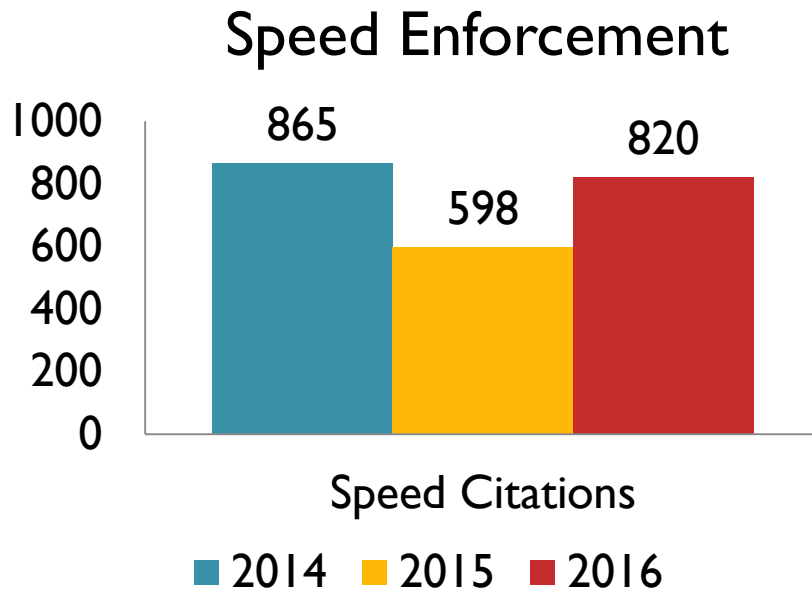
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The Culpeper Police Department issued **2,724** traffic citations for calendar year **2016**. This was a **66% increase** from calendar year **2015** in which **1,638** and a **27%** decrease from calendar year **2014** during which **2,233** citations were issued.

Officers logged **520** hours of targeted Selective Enforcement. There were **29** designated areas selected.

Outcome

The amount of Selective enforcement in the community was increased during the FY16 cycle. In FY15 the agency logged 339 hours of selective enforcement. In FY16 there were **520** hours logged which is an **increase** of **53%**.



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Outcome

The goals and objectives of the department are analyzed at the end of each fiscal year. Each objective is examined to see if the department met the goals. The Department goals are set for each fiscal year. The results below show accomplishments for FY16. The sign board data also showed a much higher compliance in the areas of concern after an active enforcement campaign.

GOAL #7

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Objective #1

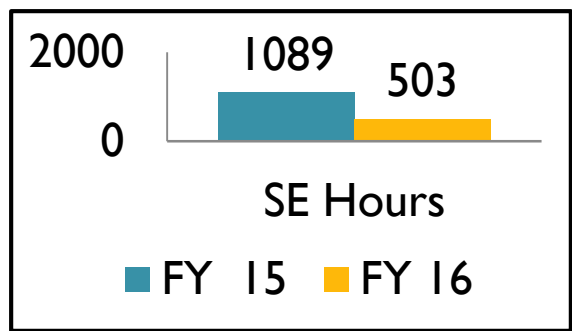
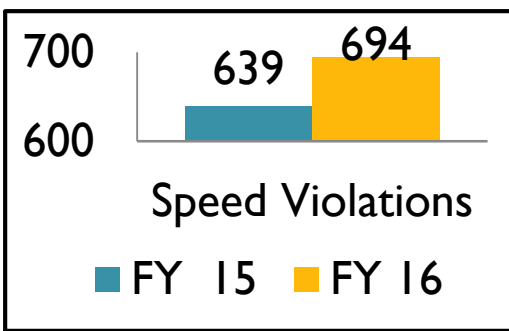
Increase selective enforcement by 5%.

NOT ACCOMPLISHED: Selective enforcement was down by 31%, the agency logged 347 hours and 16 minutes of selective enforcement in FY16 compared to 503 hours and 41 minutes of selective enforcement in FY15.

Objective #3

Increasing enforcement of speeding by 2%

ACCOMPLISHED: The agency increased speed enforcement summonses by 8.61% with 694 summonses written in FY16 as compared to 639 summonses written in FY15.



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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The CPD strives to provide uniform enforcement action for traffic violations throughout the Town. Sound judgment by all officers in considering the circumstances and conditions at the time of the violation will ensure appropriate action and gain the public confidence in traffic enforcement.

The ultimate goal of traffic law enforcement is to achieve voluntary compliance with all traffic laws. To achieve this the Department will:

- Actively enforce the law as it pertains to driving while intoxicated. Officers will normally arrest any driver found to be in violation of this law. Arrests will be based on an individual's driving behavior, and the results of field sobriety tests.
- Actively enforce the law as it pertains to speeding violations with discretion utilizing warnings and issuing summonses.
- Actively enforce the law as it pertains to hazardous traffic violations.
- Actively enforce the law as it pertains to equipment violations.
- Enforce violations by public/commercial carriers. All enforcement policies and procedures in this section are applicable to the public/commercial carrier.
- Enforce non-hazardous violations in some cases by issuing a warning. Enforce flagrant or subsequent violations by issuing a summons.

This enforcement policy does not supersede sound officer judgment. It is impossible to predict every conceivable situation involving traffic offenses. In unusual circumstances, officers must decide the proper enforcement action based on a combination of training, experience and common sense.

Our written policy/guidelines on speed devices used by
the department

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RADAR/LIDAR

The CPD will utilize radar/LIDAR equipment to:

- Reduce traffic accidents at specific locations where the cause of the crashes may be attributed to excessive speed.
- Reduce speeding at specific locations that have been identified through citizen complaints.
- Reduce speeding at specific location when identified by officers having knowledge of violations that may cause a hazard.

LIDAR/Radar Equipment

- All LIDAR/radar equipment used for enforcement purposes shall meet or exceed DOT/NHTSA standards for traffic LIDAR/radar.
- All tuning forks and LIDAR/radar sets shall be taken to an authorized location for calibration. All LIDAR/radar sets will be taken to the LIDAR/Radar Coordinator when in need of service or repair.
- LIDAR/radar and tuning fork calibration certification shall be forwarded to the Office of the Chief of Police and the clerk of the Culpeper County General District Court, who will maintain a current and accurate file for court purposes.

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RADAR/LIDAR

LIDAR/Radar equipment use shall comply with the Code of Virginia, 46.2-882. The following procedures shall apply:

- Supervisors will direct officers to use LIDAR/radar in areas that are identified as areas that need attention within the Town of Culpeper.
- Working LIDAR/radar at the foot of a grade shall not be a standard practice. If complaints are received from citizens or if accidents have occurred which can be attributed to excessive speed, an on-site inspection shall be conducted by a supervisor prior to the use of radar.
- Only officers having passed an approved LIDAR/radar operator's course will operate LIDAR/radar units. Officers who have not completed an approved course may make radar/LIDAR arrests under the direction of a certified operator.
- Supervisors shall ensure the use of LIDAR/radar is accomplished without affecting the availability of personnel for minimum patrol needs and services rendered to the community. Under normal circumstances, there will be no more than two officers at the LIDAR/radar set.
- No motorist shall be cited when utilizing radar for violations less than 10 mph beyond the posted speed limit, *except* when enforcing a school zone speed limit. Tolerance levels under the minimum may only be set by the Chief of Police based upon circumstances of a specific location.

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SPEEDOMETER CALIBRATION

To ensure the Culpeper Police Department meets the prima facie evidence requirements of Code of Virginia § 46.2-882, all Town-owned law enforcement vehicle speedometers will be calibrated every six-months. A certified copy of the latest certificate of calibration shall be kept in the glove compartment of each vehicle and an additional certified copy will be provided to the court. The original certificate of calibration will be maintained in the "Vehicle and Radar Calibrations" notebook in the Office of the Chief of Police.

- The Radar/LIDAR Coordinator will ensure those assigned Town-owned vehicles are calibrated prior to the expiration date on the certificate. Additionally, the Community Policing Division is responsible for ensuring the original calibration certificate is submitted to the Office of the Chief of Police so that the required certified copies can be created. The officer will ensure the certified copies are placed (1) with the courts, and (2) in the glove compartment of that vehicle.
- Sworn officers will check speedometers of Town-owned law enforcement vehicles by means of radar. They will be calibrated no higher than 80 mph. The radar indicated will be positioned to permit the officer to whom the vehicle is assigned to be able to read both the radar indicator and the speedometer.
- New vehicles will be calibrated prior to issuance to either a sworn employee or a Section of the Department.
- Employees, sworn or otherwise, will neither check nor calibrate speedometers of vehicles not owned by the Town or vehicles owned by the Town that are not law enforcement vehicles of this Department. When such requests are received, it should be explained that commercial firms are available to provide this service.

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

All uniformed patrol officers are responsible for the safe flow of traffic throughout the Town, and for the enforcement of traffic violations. The traffic enforcement officers share the responsibilities as his/her primary duty. Specific duties of the traffic enforcement officer will include but are not limited to:

- Operations of speed measuring devices.
- Traffic law enforcement.
- Traffic accident investigations.
- Traffic and speed studies and analysis.
- Funeral escorts.

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SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

Selective Enforcement is an activity of the Community Policing Division and includes the following:

- An analysis by the crime analyst of motor vehicle accidents will include at a minimum the following factors:
 - Month, day and hour.
 - Location and direction, weather and road conditions.
 - Driver action, to include violations.
 - Types of vehicles involved.
- This information will be gathered from accident investigation reports submitted to the Records Section. The crime analyst will conduct this analysis on an annual basis.
- The traffic complaints received during the month will be reviewed along with the summonses issued to determine if adequate enforcement is being applied to the identified high violation rate locations. The Records Section shall assist by providing the necessary data for analysis
- The scheduling of selective enforcement in areas where analysis of traffic accidents and violations. The Community Policing Division shall issue a monthly schedule of selective enforcement locations based on the preceding analysis. Patterns of similar causes or sudden increases in the severity or number of accidents or violations at a specific are valid criteria for extra enforcement.

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SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT

The Community Policing Lieutenant or his /her designee shall provide a monthly selective enforcement activities schedule. **Selective enforcement sites shall be worked by the traffic officer, as well as patrol officers, during periods of unobligated time.**

Selective enforcement activities will be based on an analysis of traffic accident data, citizen complaints, and officer knowledge or as directed by the Chief of Police, town manager or Council. Enforcement efforts shall be directed toward driving behavior that contributes to accidents. These selective enforcement sites shall not be limited to the enforcement of speeding violations. **These sites will be utilized for the enforcement of violations in proportion to the frequency with which they occur.**

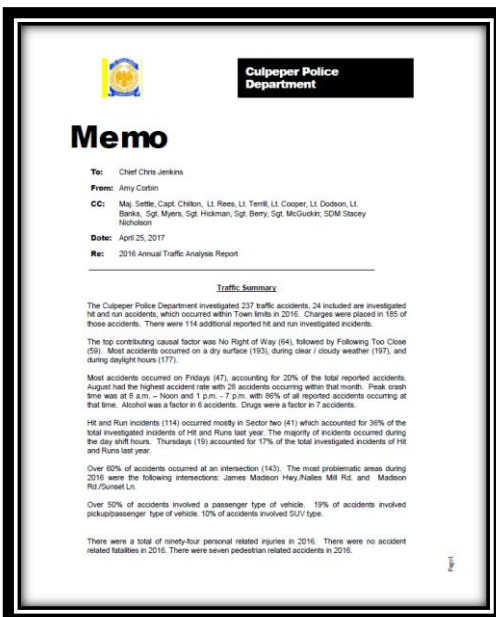
The Civilian Analyst, in conjunction with the Community Policing Division, will evaluate the selective enforcement program in conjunction with the annual traffic analysis. This review should ascertain whether the enforcement efforts have met their objectives. A comparison of current accomplishments to past accomplishments shall be included. Upon completion, the report shall be submitted to the Chief of Police.

Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

The Culpeper Police Department investigates **ALL** traffic accidents that occur in the Town of Culpeper. **All** crashes occurring on public highways that meet the DMV criteria are reported on an uniformed crash report (FR-300).

Problem Identification

The Culpeper Police Department completes a monthly and annual traffic analysis report. This report identifies the number of crashes, severity, location and time of crash. This report identifies intersection and area that need extra enforcement. This information assist in planning the selective enforcement areas. It was also identified that there was an issue with pedestrians crossing the streets safely.



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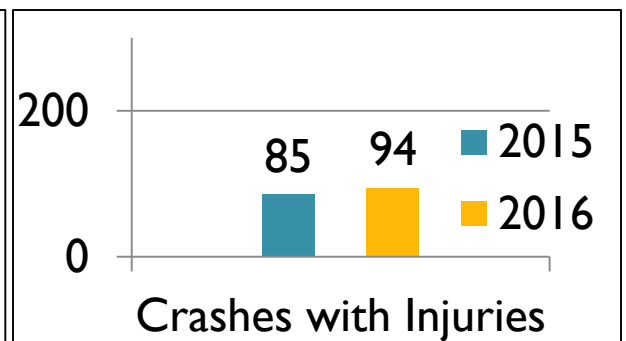
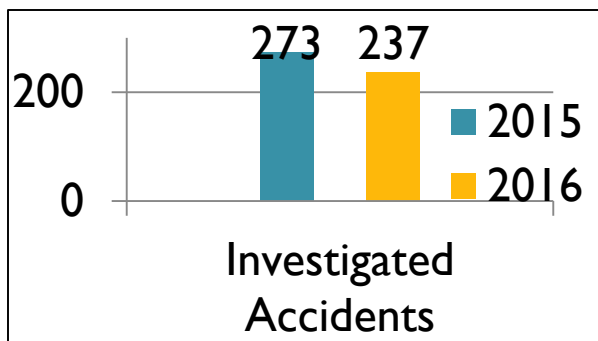
The Culpeper Police Department investigated **237** traffic accidents in 2016. This included **24** reported Hit and Run accidents. Charges were placed in **185** of those accidents.

There were **273** traffic accidents reported in 2015. This is a **13% decrease** from 2015.

There were **94** traffic accidents with injury in 2016 which is a **increase** from **85** injury related accidents in 2015. This is a **11% increase** in reported injuries.

The top contributing causal factor was No Right of Way followed by Following Too Close. Over **60% (143)** of accidents occurred at an intersection.

The intersections and crash locations are analyzed to assist in assigning selective enforcement areas.



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Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

Planning

The Culpeper Police Department develops goal and objectives for each fiscal year. These goals and objectives cover every aspect of law enforcement which includes traffic safety.

GOAL #7

The Culpeper Police Department strives to enhance traffic enforcement and education to the community with an emphasis on residential traffic, school zones pedestrian crosswalks and selective enforcement locations to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents within the Town of Culpeper by:

Objective #6

To conduct pedestrian crosswalk enforcement.

GOAL #13

The Culpeper Police Department is committed to continue the highest quality of training for all members of the agency from the Basic Academy, Field Training, In-House, In-Service, Specialized and Advanced Training.

Objective #4

For the Department's Accident Reconstruction Team to train at least once a month to enhance their skills to reconstruct major traffic accidents.

Selective enforcement activities will be based on analysis of traffic accident data, citizen complaints, and officer knowledge or as directed by the Chief of Police, town manager or Council. Enforcement efforts shall be directed toward driving behavior that contributes to accidents.

Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

Training

The Culpeper Police Department has a **nine** person Accident Reconstruction Team (ART). The team investigates crashes involving pedestrians, fatalities or major property damage. During 2016, the ART trained every other month for a minimum of **4** hours. Total Station equipment was utilized to familiarize each member with the functions.

ALL members of the team have completed training in basic accident reconstruction. There are **four** members that have completed advanced accident reconstruction training. **Four** team members are certified crash data retrieval technicians. Two members have completed Advance ART training and one was certified as a crash instructor.

All officers are training in basic crash investigation and some officers outside of ART members completed specialized crash training in 2016. **One** officer was trained in Amtrak Emergency Response due to the railroads crossing our town, **six** officers attended Traffic Incident Management course, and **one** officer completed FEMA training.

To prevent officers from becoming involved in crashes, **16** officers attended Defensive Driving and **one** officer was certified as a Driving Instructor. **Twelve** officers received training in safely operating our department Polaris and **one** officer was certified as a Stringer Spike Strip instructor.



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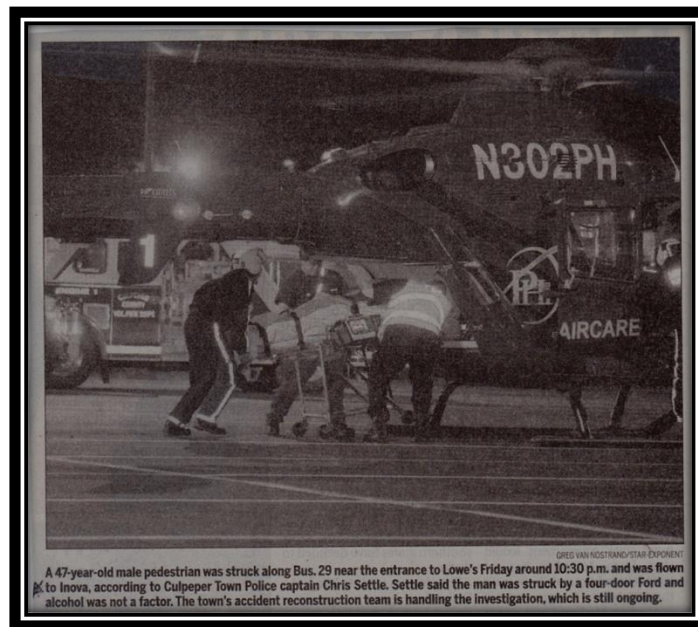
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Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

Public Information and Education

The Lieutenant of the Community Policing Division acts as the Public Information Officer who is responsible for releasing information to keep the public informed. During 2016 there were **0** fatal crashes in the Town of Culpeper. There were **7** pedestrian related crashes in 2016. There were **two** crashes involving pedestrians in 2015. The article below was placed in the Culpeper Star Exponent .



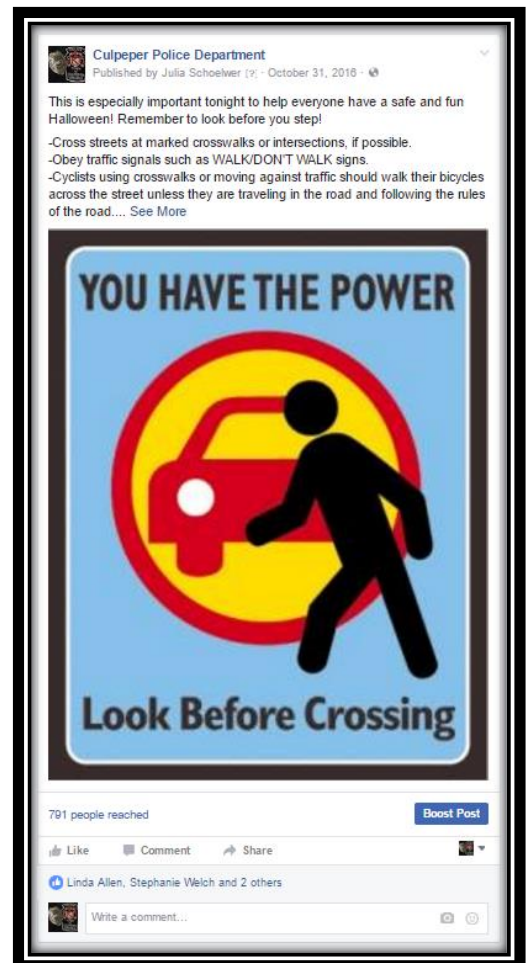
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The Culpeper Police Department recognized an issue of public safety for pedestrians. Digital signs were posted warning drivers that marked cross walks were ahead. Articles were published advising motorists and pedestrians to be aware of each other. Targeted enforcement of crosswalks was conducted. Reminders to drivers and pedestrians were posted on Facebook and Twitter.



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Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

The Culpeper Police Department urges the public to be aware of more pedestrians out at the start of school. The department is responsible for **3** school crossings in the morning and afternoon. A trained person is located at **all 3** locations to assist children, parents and teachers in safely crossing the streets. Each officer is required to wear the proper safety equipment while directing traffic and monitoring the pedestrian crosswalks.

A 3-day targeted selective enforcement of pedestrian safety was in our downtown area in July 2016. Our downtown area was chosen for targeted enforcement due to its heavy vehicle traffic, heavy foot traffic, numerous crosswalks, and parallel parking on both sides of the roadway. During this targeted patrols, a total of **26** summons were issued for failing to yield to pedestrians. Other traffic infractions were also addressed during these stops.

Officers also participated in **3** bike safety events. Two events were bike rodeos at a local child care center and the third was a bike to school event for students of Yowell Elementary School. **All 3** events focused on bike safety for children and parents. The bike to school event included safety navigating and crossing public roadways and the importance of wearing a helmet.



On October 14,
2016 CPD officers
escorted Yowell
Elementary School
students biking to
and from school.



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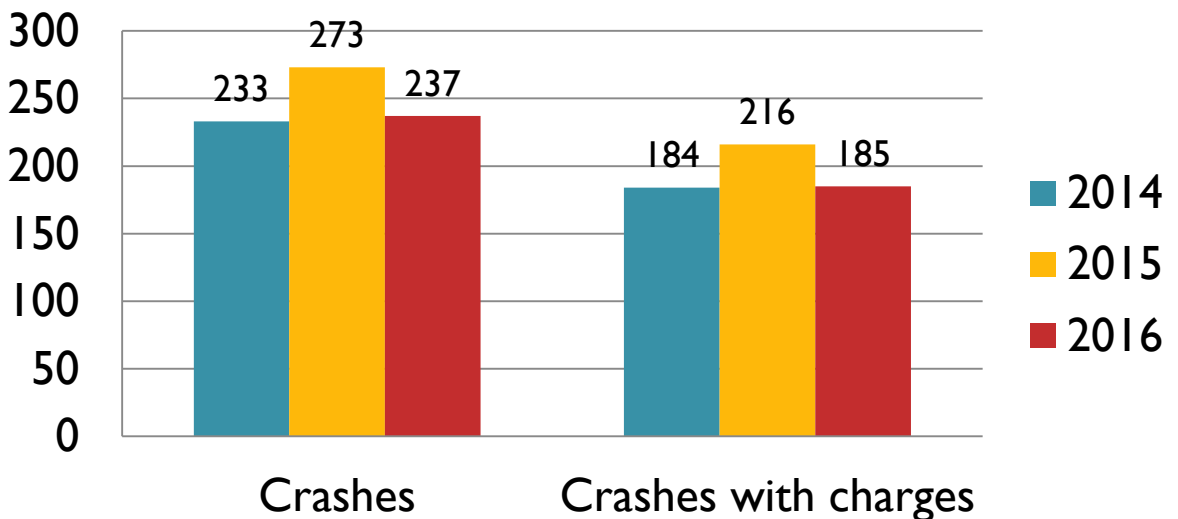


Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

Enforcement

The population of the Town of Culpeper showed a small increase in 2015 with approximately 17,100 residents. This does not include the amount of commuter traffic that passes through on a daily basis. The number of auto crashes made a small decrease in 2016 with 237 crashes compared to 273 in 2015 and 233 in 2014.

Total Crashes



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Outcome

GOAL #7

The Culpeper Police Department strives to enhance traffic enforcement and education to the community with an emphasis on residential traffic, school zones, pedestrian crosswalks and selective enforcement locations to reduce the incidence of traffic accidents within the Town of Culpeper by:

Objective #6

To conduct pedestrian crosswalk enforcement.

ACCOMPLISHED: The agency conducts enforcement actions periodically in the crosswalk areas. The Community Policing Section conducts plain clothes enforcement on the crosswalks of the Town of Culpeper to enforce pedestrian laws. These efforts are not only to enforce the crosswalk laws but to educate the public on pedestrian safety.

GOAL #13

The Culpeper Police Department is committed to continue the highest quality of training for all members of the agency from the Basic Academy, Field Training, In-House, In-Service, Specialized and Advanced Training.

Objective #4

For the Department's Accident Reconstruction Team to train at least once a month to enhance their skills to reconstruct major traffic accidents.

Partially Accomplished: During FY16, the Culpeper Police Department strengthened the Accident Reconstruction Team by adding five new officers to this unit. The five new officers have recently completed specialized training in this field and they had started training once a month again.



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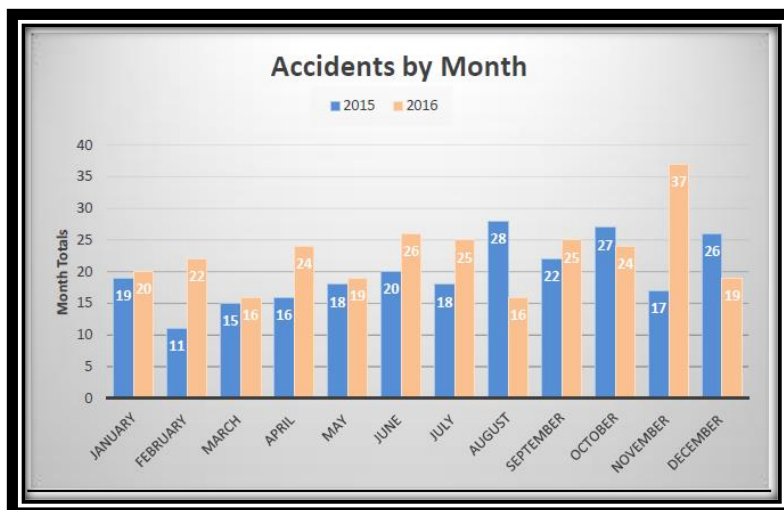
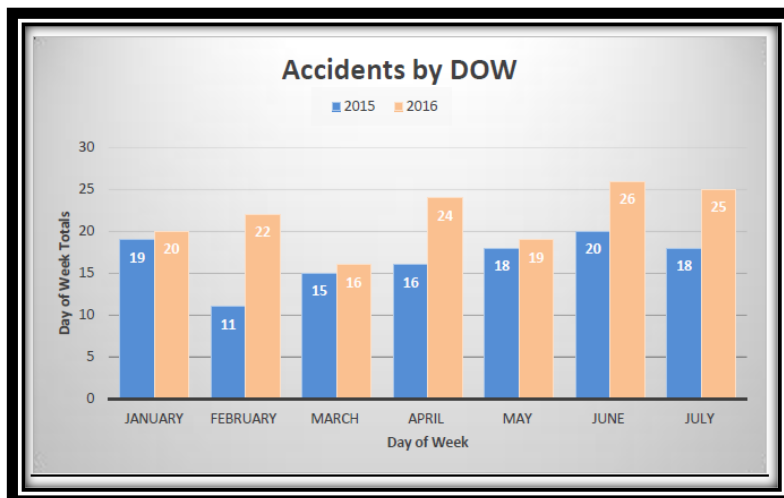
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Traffic Crash Investigations and Pedestrian Safety

The Culpeper Police Department keeps specific crash data by time, day and month to assist in selecting congested areas for enforcement of safety violations. The data is gathered in monthly reports that is later compiled into an annual report.

Time of Day	2016	2015	Results	% of Change
0600 – 1800	177	212	-35	-16.51%
1800 – 0600	60	61	-1	-1.64%



Law Enforcement Challenge



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TRAFFIC CRASH
INVESTIGATIONS
AND PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY POLICY

The Culpeper Police Department has a written policy/guideline that makes enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian violations a priority. **The contents attached are highlights from the policy that apply to the required sections.**

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ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

Officers will take appropriate enforcement action when and where pedestrian and bicycle traffic law violations are observed. Enforcement actions should be commensurate with pedestrian and bicycle accident occurrences as determined through analysis of accident reports.

Pedestrian Enforcement

- **Prior to any increase in the enforcement effort directed toward pedestrian traffic, sufficient publicity and community awareness campaigns will be conducted by the Major.**
- **Officers will concentrate their efforts on pedestrian violations in those areas where accidents involving pedestrians have been frequent or severe.**
- **In the enforcement of pedestrian traffic laws, the spirit of the law shall supersede the letter of the law and application should be made accordingly.**

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Enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to bicyclists has become increasingly **more important** due to the use of the bicycle as a major means of transportation and exercise. Officers must enforce these laws to ensure the safe operation of bicycles. To provide guidance in the enforcement of these laws the following procedures are established:

- In areas where traffic congestion and the frequency of traffic accidents involving bicycles are predominant, laws pertaining to the proper operation of bicycles will be strictly enforced.
- On roads with a substantial flow of vehicular traffic and where hazardous moving violations are observed involving bicycles, the applicable laws should be enforced.
- In areas where traffic flow is minimal, visibility is unobstructed, and traffic accidents are few, officers should exercise discretion when enforcing laws pertaining to bicycle operation.
- Officers should be less tolerant with adult offenders who should be aware of the hazards inherent in the unsafe operation of bicycles. Officer should be more lenient in the enforcement of the law and more instructive with youthful offenders, who may not be fully aware of the consequences associated with the unsafe operation of bicycles.
- The community relations officer will be responsible for conducting bicycle safety and pedestrian safety course throughout the community.

The Culpeper Police Department has a written policy for the investigation of crashes. **The contents attached are highlights from the policy that apply to the required sections.**

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CRASH INVESTIGATIONS

All traffic accidents on public highways and public property shall be investigated. **The results of the investigation shall be reported on the DMV's Police Accident Report, FR-300. If the damage is under the monetary limit set by DMV and there are no injuries reported, an FR-300 will not be completed.** Officers will investigate accidents having occurred on private property involving DUI, reckless driving and/or at the specific request of any of the parties directly involved. Officers will assist with an exchange of driver information for minor accidents occurring on private property.

All traffic accidents involving hazardous materials on either private or public property will be investigated and reported with a FR-300 report.

It is the investigating officer's responsibility to finish the report as soon as possible and complete all paperwork. Supervisors will ensure follow-up investigation will be accomplished in a diligent manner.

Public Vehicle Accidents

- 1. Accidents occurring in the Town involving vehicles owned by Culpeper County will be investigated by the CPD. Accidents involving State owned vehicles will normally be investigated by the State Police following these same procedures.**
- 2. Accidents involving Town of Culpeper vehicles occurring in Town shall be investigated and reported by the CPD. Photographs of the damages will be taken. The supervisor shall be notified of all Town vehicle accidents and will respond.**

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OFFICER RESPONSE

The CPD will respond and investigate motor vehicle accidents for the following:

- Death or injury
- Hit and run
- Impairment of an operator due to alcohol or drugs
- Damage to public vehicles or property
- Hazardous materials
- Disturbances between principals
- Major traffic congestion as a result of the collision
- Damage to vehicles to the extent towing is required.

Officers will be assigned to investigate accidents by the dispatcher based on their assigned patrol area. The officer assigned to investigate an accident will be in charge at the accident scene until relieved by a supervisor

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OFFICER RESPONSE

The following is a chronologically correct procedure for responding to arriving at and beginning the investigation of a traffic accident:

1. Arrive on the scene quickly and safely.
2. Park the police vehicle in a manner to protect the scene, preserve evidence and protect the public. Do not create an additional hazard. Emergency lights will be activated while the police vehicle is parked on the roadway.
3. Check for injuries, fire hazards, hazardous materials and other dangers. Officers who arrive at the scene of an accident with a personal injury shall summon assistance immediately. A second officer may be requested, if needed. Immediate first aid should be given to any victim with serious injury. Victims complaining of back or neck injury should only be moved by rescue personnel unless conditions at the scene are life threatening to the victim. When rescue personnel arrived, officers will provide assistance as requested.
4. If a fire exists at the scene or if there is potential for fire, officers shall immediately summon the Fire Department. All persons in the immediate area should be evacuated, assisting any injured victims in the process. Officers shall then isolate the area to prevent unauthorized persons from entering.
5. Officers should be aware that any accident involving a cargo vehicle is a potential hazardous material incident. When there is a question whether material at an accident scene may be hazardous, officers shall avoid contact with the material and will keep others from contact with the material. The Fire Department and Emergency Services will be requested to identify any possible hazardous materials. Officers shall operate in accordance with subsection "D" of this order when dealing with a hazardous material incident.

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OFFICER RESPONSE

The following is a chronologically correct procedure for responding to arriving at and beginning the investigation of a traffic accident:

6. Preserve the evidence that may be short lived.
7. Establish traffic control around the scene and as soon as practical, remove vehicles from the roadway to a safe location. This will alleviate the possibility of causing other collisions and relieve traffic congestion. The use of highway flares or cones to assist motorists should be considered at all accidents.
8. Identify operators and witnesses. Record statements and ensure a proper exchange of information is conducted between operators.
9. Request a tow truck if damage to the vehicle will not allow them to be driven from the scene. If the owners of the vehicles don't have a preference for a tow company, then the officer will have the Communications Center contact the next tow company on the rotating list.
10. Check to be sure all information has been obtained regarding operators' licenses, registrations, and insurance companies.
11. Issue appropriate summonses.
12. Investigate the scene by recording damages to vehicles, taking photographs, making sketches and taking measurements when needed.
13. Ensure the roadway is clear of debris before leaving the scene. The responding tow truck operator is required to clear the scene prior to leaving.

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OFFICER RESPONSE

Hazardous Materials

- Hazardous material is defined as any element, compound or combination, which is flammable, corrosive, explosive, toxic, radioactive, an oxidizer, or is highly reactive and may have a detrimental effect to emergency personnel, the general public, equipment, or the environment.
- An accident or spill involving a hazardous material presents a serious threat to the health and safety of the general public. The first officers on the scene are frequently the most vulnerable and should adhere to the following procedures:
 - Request the Culpeper County Fire Department.
 - Prepare to evacuate the immediate area, staying clear of all spills, vapors, fumes, and smoke. Do not assume that gases or vapors are harmless because of lack of odor.
 - Isolate the hazard and maintain surveillance of the area in a position upwind from the material.
 - Regulate traffic and monitor crowd control to allow the Culpeper County Emergency Service Unit to handle the control and removal of the hazardous material.
 - At the direction of the Culpeper County Fire Department, assist with any evacuation.
 - If any employee is exposed to a hazardous material he/she will notify their supervisor immediately, who will report the exposure following the guidelines for reporting employee injuries.
- The employee shall receive a medical evaluation when:
 - The employee is exposed to a hazardous substance with concentration levels that are above the permissible exposure levels as determined by the Culpeper County Fire Department.
 - The employee is injured due to exposure to a hazardous substance.
 - When the employee suffers symptoms from exposure to hazardous materials.

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ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

The CPD has an accident reconstruction team to perform an advanced and in depth investigation of single or multiple motor vehicle accidents.

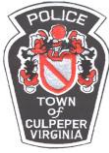
- **Criteria for members of the Accident Reconstruction Team (A.R.T.) will respond on an on- call basis at the direction of the patrol shift supervisor. Whenever possible, two A.R.T. members will investigate/reconstruct the accident scene. The following circumstances meet criteria for A.R.T. notification:**
 - **Motor vehicle accidents involving a fatality.**
 - **Motor vehicle accidents involving serious or life threatening injuries.**
 - **Motor vehicle accidents involving major property loss.**
 - **Motor vehicle accidents involving probable, substantial civil litigation, prominent individuals, or other special circumstances.**

Members of the A.R.T., upon arrival at the accident scene, shall assume total control of the incident including:

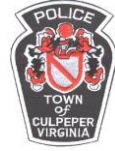
- **Investigation and reconstruction of the accident via on scene police officer briefings, witness statements, and physical observations.**
- **Photography and collection of all evidence.**
- **Removal of remaining debris (bodies, vehicles, any other obstacles) involved in the accident.**
- **Identification and family notifications of fatalities.**
- **Completing all required reports.**

It is the responsibility of the on scene police officers to maintain and preserve the accident scene as much as possible until arrival of the A.R.T. This may include:

- **Blocking roadway or diverting traffic around the accident scene.**
- **Preventing removal of vehicles or objects associated with the accident scene.**
- **Obtaining witness statements and contact information.**
- **Chalk marking of victims, vehicles, debris or any other contributing or associated objects.**
- **Photographing the accident scene as soon as possible.**




Technology Special Award



The Culpeper Police Department utilizes modern technology in their traffic safety programs. The technology allows accurate data collection from areas that have been reported as a concern.

The traffic complaint form identifies **the problem, place occurring,** and **time** that the concern is being observed. This form is one way that assist the department in locating and identifying a problem area. Once this is received, the Community Policing Division will use observations and technology items to determine a plan of action.

 **Town of Culpeper Police Department**
Traffic Complaint Form

Date: 5/2/16

Complainant's Name: Joe Meadows
 Telephone No.: _____
 Address: Burgandy Ave
Culpeper VA 22701

Complainant wishes to be contacted? YES NO

Description of Complaint: (time, vehicle description, etc.)
Vehicles running stop signs at Montague Dr &
Burgandy Ave via Williams Mountain Dr &
Grant Bridge. Caller states that this happens
at all levels of every day. He's concerned
because he's also been almost hit a few times
by drivers running the stop signs.

Officer Taking Complaint: Sgt. Schaefer

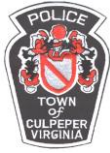
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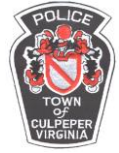
Radar Enforcement Total Hours _____ UTS _____

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The traffic complaints received during the month are reviewed along with the summonses issued to determine if adequate enforcement is being applied to the identified high violation locations.



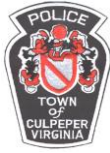
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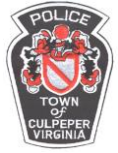
The Culpeper Police Department also utilizes digital sign boards by All Traffic Solutions. The department currently has **two** of these devices that can be deployed in areas with speeding concerns. The signs display the drivers speed and will alert them if they are over the posted speed limit.



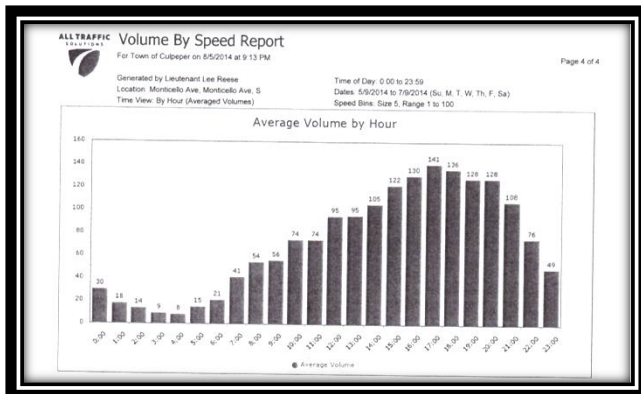
The sign boards were deployed for **20,194.75 hours** during 2016.



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The All Traffic Solution Sign Board provides reports on volume of traffic, speed of traffic and categorizes the best days and times to deploy employment actions. These reports are shared with community people that have concerns or complaints with traffic issues in their neighborhoods.



Volume By Speed Report
For Town of Culpeper on 5/5/2014 at 9:13 PM

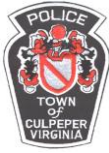
Generated by Lieutenant Lee Reese
Location: Monticello Ave, Monticello Ave, S
Time View: By Hour (Averaged Volumes)

Time of Day: 0:00 to 23:59
Dates: 5/5/2014 to 7/6/2014 (Su, M, T, W, Th, F, Sa)
Speed Bin: Size 5, Range 1 to 100

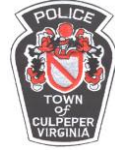
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6:00	18	8	2	9	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.5	18
7:00	14	8	2	7	4	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.5	14
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22:00	129	0	5	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.3	96
23:00	128	0	5	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.3	96
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25:00	78	0	5	8	16	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19.3	96
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The sign boards will communicate with the smart phones of the traffic officers to notify them when a speed violation has occurred. The App also will notify when the batteries need to be charge. The Smart Signs will also take a picture of the violators vehicle and send it to the App.

Once an enforcement action is completed the devices are deployed once again to see if there was a change in driving behavior.



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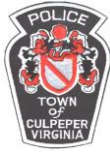


The Culpeper Police Department currently has one Automated License Plate Recognition Vehicle (ALPR) in its patrol vehicle fleet. Implemented in 2014, all patrol officers were trained in the use of the ALPR system. In 2016, two officers were assigned the ALPR patrol vehicle for their regular patrol duties. During their regular duties, the ALPR is actively scanning all publicly visible license plates. This has aided in recovering stolen vehicles as well as locating suspects in crimes based on vehicle locations.

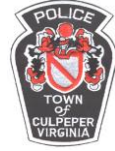
The ALPR system enables officers driving the ALPR equipped vehicle to scan, record and check license plates against a number of databases. These databases include:

1. VCIN/NCIC Stolen Vehicle List (Hotlist)
2. Culpeper Police Department's Local List (Manually Entered)





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As part of an effort to better educate and reach the public, the Culpeper Police Department launched its Facebook and Twitter pages. Each month, the department advises the public of selective enforcement areas. At least weekly there are posts about traffic laws, enforcement campaigns such as Click It or Ticket and Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over, information from NHTSA regarding child seat and passenger safety, and incident traffic advisories.

Culpeper Police Department
Published by Julia Schoelwer (7) · December 21, 2016 · 🌐

The two outcomes of your child not being the correct seat: \$141 ticket or \$4,500-10,000 for a funeral per child. Are you willing to gamble with your child's life?
Do you need help making sure that your child's seat is properly installed?
Call us and set up a free appointment with one of our car seat technicians!

**NOT ALL CAR SEATS
FIT IN ALL VEHICLES.**
Test the car seat you plan to buy to make
sure it fits well in your vehicle.

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👤 Patricia Stotler Harrod What is the age and weight for the front seat
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👤 Culpeper Police Department Hi Patricia, according to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, while there are no height/weight requirements, children are much safer seated and properly restrained in the back seat regardless of age or the presence of an air bag. According to th... See More

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Culpeper Police Department
Published by Jeffrey Dodson (7) · November 28, 2016 · 🌐

Officers were involved in a motor vehicle pursuit this afternoon that ended in the suspect vehicle crashing near Virginia Avenue and Lakeland Court. The Culpeper E-911 Center sent Code Red message out on this incident to seek assistance from the public with locating these suspects. Suspects have since been taken into custody.

During the incident an electric box was damaged and some residents are without power. Culpeper Police would like to thank all residents that called in to assist with this incident.

Additional details on this incident will be released when available.

Incident Alert
Culpeper Police Department

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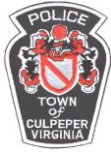
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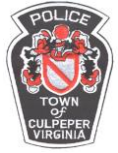
👤 Holly Ygbuhay I live on Lakeland Ct and I didn't receive a code red either.
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👤 Lori LaCivita Ellis Mountainbrook lost power again!! What's going on?
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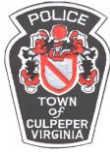


Digital message boards are used to notify the public of special events, enforcement areas, and road closures. These keep drivers informed of traffic delays and possible detours. These are used during the Click It Or Ticket, DUI enforcement, pedestrian safety, and occupant safety.

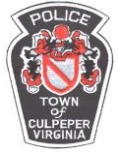


Sergeant Norma McGuckin posing for a press release regarding officers being issued body cameras.

Late 2016, all patrol officers were issued body cameras to be worn during their tour of duty. Officers are required to record traffic stops and investigations. Officers can now better record the demeanor of drivers, which is especially important in cases of DUIs and DUIDs, along with any evidence of criminal activity. It also allows officers to review an investigation for more accurate reports. Additionally, the recordings enable supervisors to review any complaints made against officers, including complaints of conduct during traffic stops, as an independent third part.

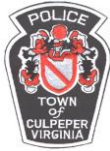


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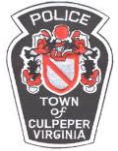


The Culpeper Police Department currently has a Motor Carrier Safety Program. The program utilizes ASPEN which is an application that collects all the commercial roadside inspection details. It provides a safety report for the driver once the inspection has been completed. Certified inspectors also utilizes Regs2Go which gives them access to federal regulations while doing a roadside inspection.



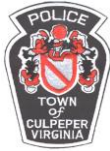


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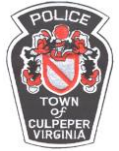


The Accident Reconstruction Team uses the Total Station to accurately recreate an accident scene. The technology allows the officers to shoot several points to produce a scale drawing of the area for the investigation. Each member of the team is trained in the use of the machine.





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The Culpeper Police Department utilizes the Golden Eagle RADAR, the Pro Laser LIDAR, and the Stalker XS LIDAR for speed enforcement. Each officer is trained in the proper operation of each speed device. The department currently has **two** instructors certified to teach radar and Lidar.



The EC/IR II is utilized to obtain accurate breath samples in DUI investigations. This technology is used in court and provide a certificate of alcohol content.

Law Enforcement Challenge



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Our written policy/guidelines for the use of body-worn cameras. **The contents attached are highlights from the police that apply to the required sections.**

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SUBJECT: PATROL EFFECTIVE: July 30, 2014	NUMBER: CHAPTER 18

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) is intended to enhance law enforcement transparency and accountability. This General Order describes the circumstances under which the use of BWCs is mandatory, when it is discretionary, and when it is forbidden, based on the goals of providing law enforcement while respecting the rights of citizens and the need to conduct public business. This General Order does not govern the use of covert recording devices used in undercover operations.

Every officer of the rank of Lieutenant and below that is assigned to the Patrol Division or the Community Policing Division will be assigned a BWC.

At no time should an officer jeopardize his/her safety in order to activate a recording device or change the recording media. Officers shall activate their BWC and record contacts throughout the following circumstances/situations:

- **During all self-initiated law enforcement action.**
- During any call for service or any contact where the officer reasonably believes the contact may become adversarial at the outset or immediately whenever the contact becomes adversarial after an officer's initial contact.
- During all witness statements except for situations described in section III C(2) below.
- During all suspect statements where a reportable use of force occurred.
- When executing a search warrant, and during any conversation with the occupants of the premises regarding the entry, the reason for the search, or the scope of the search.
- Upon the audible warning of a canine deployment, through the end of that deployment.
- **Whenever the officer reasonably believes the recorded footage may contain evidentiary value for law-enforcement purposes.**

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Training

- Officers who are assigned BWCs shall complete a Department approved training program to ensure proper use and operation before first deploying the BWC in the field.
- Additional training may be required at periodic intervals to ensure the continued effective use and operation of equipment, proper calibration and performance, and to incorporate changes, updates, or other revisions in Department General Orders and equipment. The department may seek input from the community and its stakeholders for continual evaluation of the BWC program.
- Supervisors will receive specialized training on reviewing recordings, operability and inspection of BWC's, and the ability to re-issue a BWC after a malfunction of a BWC has been identified.
- The Professional Standards Lieutenant will be the system administrator and will be responsible for BWC and associated software training.

Equipment

- Department issued BWCs shall be for official Departmental use only and shall not be used for non-work related or personal activities.
- Officers shall use only those BWCs issued by the Department. The wearing of personally owned BWC equipment or audio/video recording equipment during law enforcement activity or other work time shall not be permitted, except for covert operations as described in *Chapter 20 Drugs, Vice, and Organized Crime*.
- BWCs shall be issued and assigned to a specific uniformed officer. No officer shall use BWC equipment assigned to another officer.
- Intentional misuse or abuse of BWC equipment will result in disciplinary action. Officers shall not obstruct, edit or delete the BWC device's video and/or audio recording.
- Each officer is responsible for the use and maintenance of the BWC issued to them and they must bring apparent problems with the equipment to the attention of a supervisor immediately.

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Post-Activation Procedures

1. Any time an officer records a contact which constitutes evidence in a law enforcement matter, the officer shall cross-reference the associated case number on the recording and in the associated police report
2. When officers activate a recording device during the performance of their duties, the recording media shall be uploaded at the conclusion of their shift. In all cases of activation, the officer shall confirm the appropriate category of retention has been documented.
3. Officers will note in incident, arrest, and related reports when video recordings were made. However, BWC recordings will not be a replacement for written reports.
4. If an officer fails to activate the BWC, fails to record the entire contact, or records only video or audio but not both, the officer shall document the reason in an IBR report or in a CAD entry, and notify his/her supervisor as soon as practical.
5. Officers shall not edit, alter, erase, duplicate, copy, share, or otherwise distribute in any manner BWC recordings without the prior written authorization and approval of the Chief of Police or a designee.
6. Officers shall not permit civilians to review recordings without authorization of the Chief of Police or a designee.

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Officer Responsibility

- **Prior to going into service, each uniformed officer will be responsible for making sure that he/she is equipped with their respective Departmentally issued BWC in good working order.** The device shall be sufficiently charged and tested for proper function. Officers shall report malfunctions, damage, loss or theft of their recording devices to their supervisor prior to going into service.
- **Officers shall wear their assigned BWC whenever they are in uniform, including whenever on specialized assignment. Examples include during an E.R.T. deployment, extra-duty employment, or any other specialized assignment that he/she may be assigned.**
- In regards to BWCs, uniformed officers shall wear the recorder on their person in a secured fashion and in such a way to provide an unobstructed camera view of officer/citizen contacts. Officers have the option to mount the BWC by one of the following mounting applications:
 - Uniformed shirt pocket mount
 - thick outerwear pocket mount
 - flexible magnet mount
- **When practical, the officer will advise any citizen that the BWC is recording.**
- At the conclusion of the shift, officers shall conduct an operability inspection and report any issues to their supervisor.

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Supervisor Responsibility

- Supervisors shall ensure proper performance pursuant to this General Order regarding BWC's. **Supervisors shall ensure that officers properly document the activation of their BWC in the associated report.** In cases where the officer's BWC was not activated pursuant to this General Order, was deactivated prior to completion of the contact or investigation, or recorded only audio or video but not both, the supervisor shall ensure proper documentation by the officer of the incident.
- **Supervisors shall review evidentiary video** and re-categorize for indefinite retention if a complaint is associated with a recorded event or **if the officer has reason to believe an incident may generate a complaint or any complaint where a citizen/officer complaint has been received.**
- **Supervisors will review all BWC recordings for any administrative review related to any high risk incidents, to include use of force and vehicle pursuit reviews.**
- **Supervisors shall conduct random weekly reviews of two (2) selected recordings per officer in order to assess officer performance as well as identify videos that may be appropriate for training. These weekly reviews will be documented in a monthly spreadsheet report through the chain of command.**
- **When improper use of the BWC becomes apparent, supervisors shall document the officer's General Order violation according to *General Orders, Chapter 12, specifically section 12.1.3.***

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Access

- The BWC equipment and all data, images, sounds, video, and metadata captured, recorded, or otherwise produced by the equipment shall be the exclusive property of the Culpeper Police Department.
- As provided in sections III. I. 3. and 4. of this General Order, officers are permitted to review video footage of an incident in which they were involved prior to preparing a report or making a statement about the incident.
- All access is to be audited by the Professional Standards Lieutenant to ensure that only authorized users are accessing the data for legitimate and authorized purposes.
- Officers requesting video for trials must make such requests through the Professional Standards Lieutenant, or designee at least ten (10) business days prior to the trial date. Situations where circumstances outside of the officer's control prevent such notification shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Court personnel (e.g. representatives from the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, and the private defense bar) may request videos for trial through the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. The Culpeper Commonwealth Attorney's Office will have access to BWC video for purposes of prosecution and discovery.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and media requests of video shall be submitted to the Chief of Police or designee and shall comply with requirements of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia.
 - a. The Town will not release video showing criminal incident information pertaining to an ongoing law enforcement investigation or prosecution if the release of the video is likely to jeopardize the investigation, prosecution, or safety of an individual; or likely to cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in the destruction of evidence, except pursuant to a court order.
 - b. Criminal investigative files that are excluded from FOIA requirements may be disclosed by the Chief of Police in his discretion, except where disclosure is prohibited by law.
 - c. Provisions will be made for blurring the image of individuals or the personal identifying information (e.g. license plates, addresses etc.) of those not involved in the law enforcement act in question, and of crime victims, or where protection of personal privacy reasonably warrants it, prior to releasing the video to the media or the individual making the FOIA request.