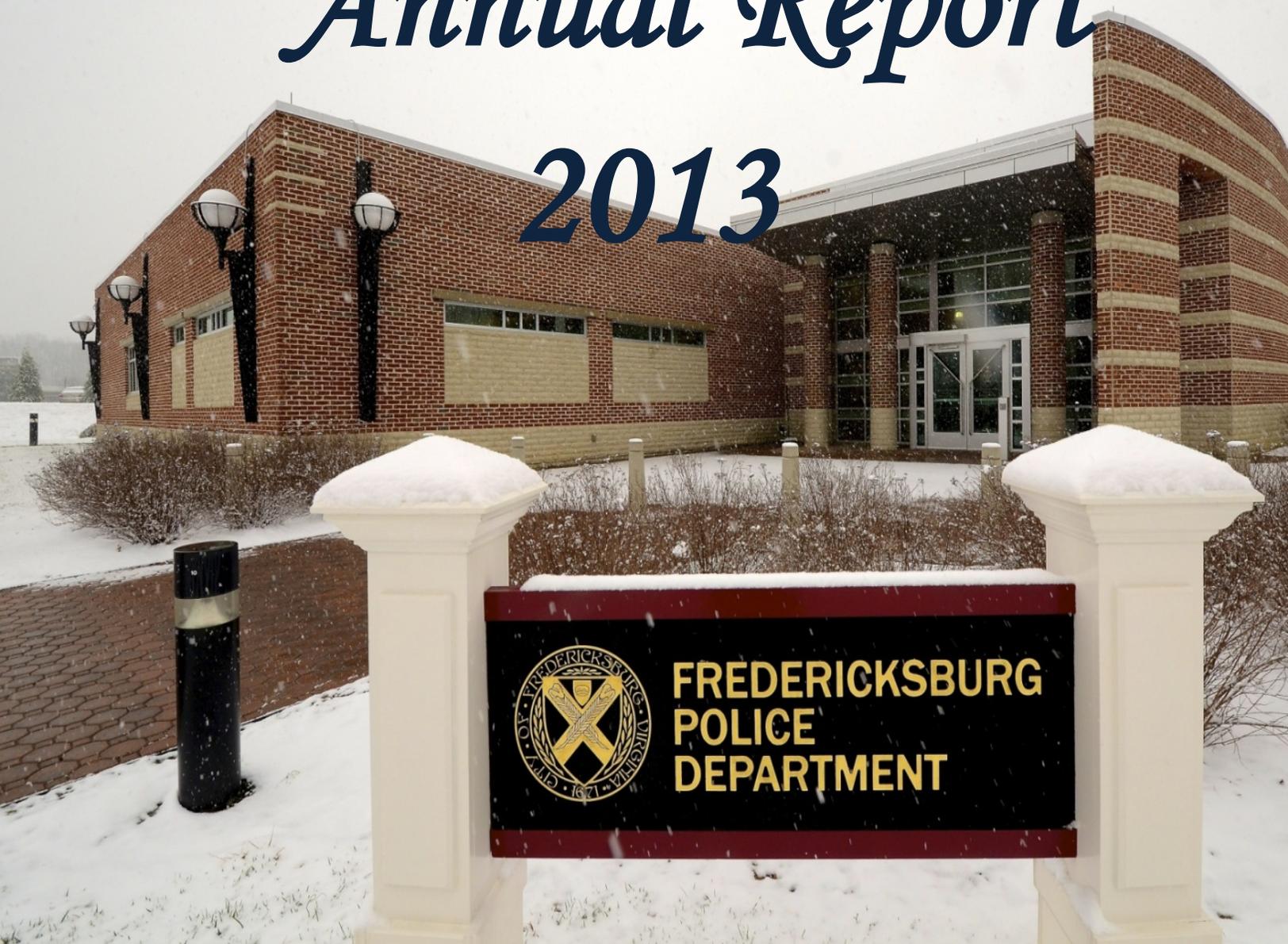


# *Annual Report*

## *2013*



## ..... *Chief's Message*



*The Fredericksburg Police Department lost six long term law enforcement professionals to retirements in 2013. These officers had excelled and either moved up through the ranks or found specialties within the department where they had gained a high level of expertise. Their contributions to the department and the community were immense. We will always*

*consider them part of our Fredericksburg Police Department family as they left a legacy for others to follow.*

*The men and women of our department carried on the spirit of service to the community as we raised over \$16,000 for Special Olympics Virginia and continued to have great participation in the annual [Torch Run](#) event in June.*

*A summer youth camp for city residents ages 8 to 12 was sponsored during two separate weeks in June and July.*

*Three employees were recognized for life saving efforts and two major incidents involving gunmen shooting rifles in apartment complexes*

*tested our resolve and our ability to work with other law enforcement agencies in a coordinated fashion.*

*These incidents exemplified the core character of the Fredericksburg Police*

*Department, whose members are brave, dedicated, and capable in the accomplishment of their chosen mission. I am, as always, exceedingly proud to be able to lead this organization.*



*Although the challenges of law enforcement are always evolving, the real meaning of the profession remains grounded in the people who walk the streets and cover the beats of the City of Fredericksburg.*

*I look forward to the coming year as we continue to transition.*

*Employees will grow in their newly promoted positions and/or special assignments and we will welcome several new men and women to the organization.*

***David W. Nye***

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# Year in Review

## *January* –

Officer John Alford of the Fairfax County Police Department competes in arena racing, and he uses the profits from his racing to support the Virginia Public Safety Foundation. Officer Alford honors police officers and firefighters lost in



the line of duty by racing with their names on his car. In January, Officer Alford paid tribute to fallen Fredericksburg Police Officer [Todd Bahr](#) by adding his name to the car and unveiling the vehicle to Todd's family and co-workers at Police Headquarters.

## *February* –

Chief Nye on Live Chat – Police Chief David Nye participated in a live web chat hosted by *fredericksburg.com* on February 13, during which he answered questions ranging from crime rates to gun laws to concerns of homelessness in the City. Click [here](#) to read the entire chat transcript.

## *March* –

The Police Department added three Ford Interceptor sedans and three Ford Interceptor SUVs as replacement vehicles to its fleet. All six are outfitted as standard patrol vehicles with exterior lights, striping, and logos. Some new

features on the replacement vehicles include: SYNC package, back-up cameras, back-up sensors that sound off when approaching objects in reverse, and four switches on the steering wheel that are used to operate the lights and siren without requiring the driver to remove a hand from the wheel. All of these vehicles also come with a factory 5 year/100,000 mile warranty.



### *April -*

The magistrate's office, which for years had been located on Lafayette Boulevard at the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania County line, closed permanently as of Monday, April 22. The new magistrate's office was relocated to 9102 Courthouse Road near the Spotsylvania County courthouse. As part of the process for the relocation, the Police Department implemented video conferencing capability with the new site so that officers can conduct bond hearings with the magistrate from the booking area in Police Headquarters. If the circumstances of an arrest are not favorable for video conferencing with the magistrate, officers transport detainees directly to the jail and use the services of

the magistrate located at that facility. Citizens who wish to obtain their own warrants are now directed to use the magistrate at the new Spotsylvania courthouse site.

*May –*

On May 25, the Community Police Officers hosted a cookout and Bike Rodeo in the Darbytown neighborhood, followed by an outdoor movie night. Approximately 30 children participated in the Bike Rodeo, which featured an obstacle course that offered contestants the opportunity to win prizes for speedy and successful finishes. Contributions from local sponsors included food and cookout supplies from Wegmans, and two new bicycles were donated by Walmart and raffled off to lucky rodeo participants Hunter and Sanaa. There were also employees on hand from Bike Works to perform free inspections and make needed repairs to bicycles belonging to the Bike Rodeo attendees.



*June –*

Each month, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial honors a deserving recipient whose actions went above and beyond the call of duty. Fredericksburg's Master Officer Joe Young was selected as the [NLEOMF Officer of the Month for June, 2013](#) in recognition of his demonstrated valor on the night of June 6, 2008. Officer Young's actions on that night were an example of exceptional bravery combined with rapid tactical thinking in response to the

deadly set of circumstances that cost the life of his squad-mate, Officer Todd Bahr. Despite the clear danger to himself, Joe maximized control of a chaotic situation and never lost sight of his primary objective of protecting the citizens he serves. Officer Young received his award from NLEOMF in June, and he was also featured in their calendar and on the website.

### *July*–

The Police Department hosted its first ever “[Camp Crime Fighters](#)” on June 17-21 and again on July 15-19, staffed by community police officers and several teenage volunteers. More than thirty campers participated in fun activities



that ranged from fishing and crafts at Motts Run and rappelling down the PD’s tower to investigating a crime scene using forensic analysis. The campers also learned self-defense techniques and how to deal with bullying and

“stranger danger”. The camp was funded by donations from local businesses, the Village of Idlewild HOA, and Ms. Doris Buffett.

### *August*–

In August, a service level agreement was executed between the Police Department E-911 Center, the Fire Department, and the Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad for the purpose of establishing a cooperative partnership between the entities “by clarifying roles, defining expectations, and

providing mechanisms for resolving issues between members of the different agencies.” The agreement covers the responsibility for staffing requirements, standard operating procedures, and equipment maintenance for each of the agencies. This is the first time such an agreement between these agencies has been implemented in the city.

### *September –*

On September 12, Detective Patrick Lamb gave a presentation to a local organization called the Fredericksburg PC User’s Group, which is primarily comprised of retirees who share an interest in computers and technology. Detective Lamb’s 2-hour discussion focused on common internet scams and particularly those that target the older population. During the presentation and subsequent question-and-answer period, Detective Lamb advised his audience on how to identify and avoid the fraudulent schemes that are used to obtain money from online victims.

### *October –*

Following the department’s first [successful attempt](#) going “Over the Edge” for Special Olympics in May, where the [team](#) raised over \$3000, the members of Team Fredericksburg from the Police Department went “Over the Edge” again



Dave Parrish Photography

in October by [rappelling from a 25-story building in Richmond](#). The City’s team raised more than \$11,000 during the October event, surpassing every other team in the state in donations.



Fredericksburg 911 Center accredited by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services

*November -*

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services has established an accreditation program for 911 public safety answering points and emergency dispatch centers to promote implementation of emergency medical dispatch protocols and continued training and education in this area. This program is not a certification, but an acknowledgement from the OEMS of a 911 center's effort to implement guidelines set for communications involving EMS. At the State EMS Advisory Board meeting held in Norfolk in November, the application for accreditation of Fredericksburg's E-911 Center was reviewed and approved. An official presentation recognizing this distinction was made through the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

*December—*

During the last month of the year, we were in the final stages of a radio system upgrade designed to improve radio transmission in the Fall Hill Avenue corridor. This upgrade is intended as a short term solution to address the problem until a major overhaul and upgrade of the entire radio system can be funded by the city. The Police Department, working with MidAtlantic Communications, managed the installation of the antenna, phone lines, and cabling necessary to complete this project as well as the connection of the phone line circuits that feed the radio system. Reliable and clear communication is a vital component in officer safety.



# Spotlight on Crisis Intervention

On April 26 around 1:15 p.m., officers responded to the Pizza Hut on Powhatan Street for a report of a shirtless and shoeless man on the roof of the building. Employees at the business further reported that the man was refusing to come down. Due to the man's intoxication and precarious position on the peak of the roof, the first arriving officers requested the Fire Department to respond as well as members of the Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team. CNT gained access to the roof and convinced the unstable man to come down to a lower roof level within reach of waiting officers. He was taken into custody without further incident.

The Fire Department's Tower truck was used to safely get the man down to the ground without injury and he was transported to the hospital for evaluation. The business was closed for about an hour while the incident was resolved.

While this case involving an unstable individual was more dramatic than most, officer encounters with those experiencing a mental health crisis are not at all uncommon. In 2013, city police officers served a total of 275 emergency custody orders and temporary detention orders. These orders are issued by a judge or magistrate for the purpose of detaining a person for a mental health evaluation due to behavior that indicates a mental health crisis.

To proactively manage this aspect of law enforcement responsibility, a number of Fredericksburg's officers have received 40 hours of specialized crisis intervention training to enable them to handle these encounters safely.



“Highly-skilled and specially-trained officers — equipped with knowledge of basic crisis intervention, traumatic stress, substance abuse, mental health, liability and legal issues, suicide intervention, active listening, special populations, verbal de-escalation, and cultural diversity — comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. Through the 40 hours of specialized training they receive, these officers are able to deal with crisis situations.

CIT training is designed to educate and prepare police officers who come into contact with people with mental illness. They are keenly aware of the divergent issues facing people on the street and in their communities. Trained officers are capable of de-escalating a situation by their understanding and ability to relate to what the person is going through.

For law enforcement agencies, this training is an invaluable investment when officers are able to readily de-escalate a crisis and settle a situation on scene with appropriate skills and pertinent knowledge combined with compassion and understanding.

Moreover, such training tends to reduce the anxiety an officer faces with the situation, reduces the possibility for physical confrontation, and reduces the possibility of injury to the officers. It also minimizes the amount of time officers spend out of service awaiting assessment and disposition, and reduces inappropriate arrests.

Importantly, officers skilled in crisis intervention strategies are provided a protocol to bring individuals in crisis to a therapeutic location rather than a jail or law enforcement facility.”

Professor Karen Bune, excerpt from an article in PoliceOne.com [Crisis Intervention Training: An invaluable investment for law enforcement](#)



Officer Scott Worley kneels to speak to a woman in crisis

In Fredericksburg, the Police Department has partnered with the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board to provide an alternative to incarceration at the Sunshine Lady House. The [Sunshine Lady House for Mental Health Wellness & Recovery](#), a 12-bed, community-based residential facility, funded in part by a [\\$2 million grant](#) from Doris Buffett's Sunshine Lady Foundation, welcomed its first residents on November 16, 2009.

The facility is an expansion of the community-based Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Program initiated by RACSB for area residents in January 2007. It's a safe, therapeutic residential program for adults experiencing acute psychiatric crisis. In February 2013, the program also began providing services to adults seeking safe withdrawal from alcohol, opioids, and benzodiazepines. Individuals are supported and stabilized in the least restrictive environment as possible.

Staff work with the individuals to mobilize a community support system for continued maintenance, rehabilitation, and recovery. The Mental Health Crisis Stabilization Program at The Sunshine Lady House for Mental Health Wellness & Recovery is a 12-bed facility serving individuals for up to 15 consecutive days per episode. Police officers are also on site at the treatment facility to provide security and support to the staff and residents.

The goals of the Crisis Stabilization Program are to:

- serve as an alternative to psychiatric hospitalization (in acute crisis);
- be a step-down transition from inpatient psychiatric care;
- divert persons with mental illness from jail;
- serve as a secure drop-off location in partnership with the Fredericksburg Police Department;
- provide respite services; and
- provide medically managed detoxification services.

Services provided include:

- 24-hour observation, monitoring, and treatment;
- psychiatric assessment, treatment planning, and referral;
- medication evaluation, education, and management;
- assistance with self-care issues (including symptom and behavior management);
- individual and group counseling; and
- discharge planning.

Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, counselors, nurses, qualified mental health providers, and contracted healthcare professionals.

# Crime Analysis

The Fredericksburg Police Department tracks and collects crime information under the format of the [National Incident Based Reporting System](#) (NIBRS), which standardizes the crime data captured for each single incident and arrest within twenty-two offense categories.

	2011	2012	2013	Comparison 2012/2013
Murder and non-negligent homicide*	1	2	1	-1
Forcible rape*	3	1	3	+2
Robbery	24	19	30	+11
Aggravated Assault*	74	77	81	+4
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	102	88	67	-21
Larceny	948	922	1038	+116
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	20	32	+12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1184</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>1252</b>	<b>+123</b>

\*count by number of victims

The statistical chart represents the number of reported major crimes in calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The data in the comparison may differ from those published in the Virginia State Police Crime Report for one or more reasons, most commonly because the case status or classification of a report may have changed since the publication of either document.

Some of the major benefits derived from the NIBRS system include: greater specificity in reporting; more correlation between offenses, property, victims, offenders, and arrestees; expanded victim/offender relationships; distinction between attempted and completed crimes and increased reporting of various circumstances relative to specific crimes. The NIBRS system requires that extensive data be reported for *each crime* occurring during a particular incident. The NIBRS system also defines each specific crime to ensure consistency and accuracy of the data.

The crime information is reported under the state-level system of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Developed and administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the UCR program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistical data from law enforcement agencies across the country. Per State code, the central repository for crime statistics in Virginia rests with the Department of State Police, which compiles the data from all of the participating agencies into an [annual publication](#).

## **Homicide**

*The willful killing of one human being by another*

On November 24 at 2:35 a.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Howard Avenue for reports of gunfire and found a man deceased in the street next to a silver BMW. The victim, Rodney Beanum, Jr, 28, of Fredericksburg had been shot multiple times. Neighbors reported being awakened by the sound of shooting and seeing several figures run from the scene.

Detectives conducted interviews throughout the day on Sunday. Two of those individuals interviewed, Travon Thomas, 23, and Delante White, 22, both of Fredericksburg, were arrested for obstruction of justice. They were both released that same day on \$2500 secured bonds.

Following extensive investigative efforts over the next few weeks, four suspects were identified. With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Service, Lorenzo McKinley Jones, 19, was arrested in Richmond on December 19 and Diontae

Washington, 22, turned himself in to Richmond authorities on December 21. Wesley Carlton Smith, 22, was arrested in Stafford County on December 18.

The fourth suspect, John Edwin Pegram, was picked up by the U.S. Marshals near Richmond on December 27.

All four suspects face charges of first degree murder and robbery for their involvement in the shooting death of Rodney Beanum, Jr.



### **Forcible Rape**

*The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity, or because of his/her youth*

Three cases of rape were reported in 2013. Of those, two cases were closed with the arrest of the offender(s) and one case, reported in December, remains an active investigation. The offenders arrested in these cases were acquaintances of the victims.

## **Robbery**

*The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm*

There was a notable increase in the number of robberies in 2013, with thirty total reported incidents. The increase occurred largely in offenses committed at businesses, with two bank robberies and seven commercial robberies reported in 2013 compared to one bank robbery and one commercial robbery in 2012. Over 40% of the robberies in 2013 have been cleared. ([Clearance rate comparisons](#))

## **Aggravated Assault**

*An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness*

There was a small increase in the total number of aggravated assaults in 2013 - 81 victims compared to 77 victims in 2012. Ten of the cases were related to domestic violence and sixteen were reports involving brandishing a firearm. Four of the victims in 2013 were law enforcement officers, three of whom responded to this notable incident:

On Saturday, May 25 at approximately 8:45 p.m. officers responded to the 200 block of Greystone Court at Fall Hill Apartments to investigate reports of drug activity involving a 19-year-old resident. The officers knocked on the door of the second floor apartment and were allowed inside by the teenager's mother, who told the officers that her son was in his bedroom. When one of the officers looked inside the room, he saw a figure holding a long gun. The officers retreated from the apartment to the breezeway outside, taking the mother with them for her safety.

Moments later, the subject inside the apartment opened the front door and fired one round, which went through the door of the apartment across the

hallway. The suspect then closed the door and was heard moving to another position inside his apartment. Officer Nick Wagner proceeded down the steps of the building to the ground level while Officer Chris Reyes remained with the mother at the far end of the breezeway until it was deemed safe for her to leave.

When Wagner reached a position where he could observe the balcony of the apartment, the suspect pointed the barrel of his weapon through an open window next to the balcony and fired several shots toward the officer. As additional officers responded to the scene, the suspect fired another round at a patrol car pulling into the parking lot. Nobody was injured from the gunfire. It



Training for shooting incidents saves lives

was later determined that one of the rounds fired had struck a red Saturn in the parking lot and punctured the gas tank.

Fredericksburg officers and troopers from the Virginia State Police secured a perimeter around the apartment, and officers were able to safely evacuate the suspect's mother to the ground level from the second floor breezeway.

At approximately 9 p.m. the suspect called 911 from inside the apartment and was put in touch with Sergeant Dana Nielsen, who began negotiating with him about a peaceful surrender. Meanwhile,

the Special Equipment and Tactical Team and the Crisis Negotiation Team were activated and responded to the incident.

At approximately 10:45 p.m. the suspect walked out of the apartment and was taken into custody without injury. Several weapons were later found inside the apartment and were collected for evidence.

Nelson Lee Kennedy, Jr, 19, of Fredericksburg was arrested and charged with three counts of attempted capital murder, shooting into an occupied dwelling, shooting into an occupied emergency vehicle, and obstruction of justice. Kennedy was incarcerated at the Rappahannock Regional Jail under no bond.

## **Burglary**

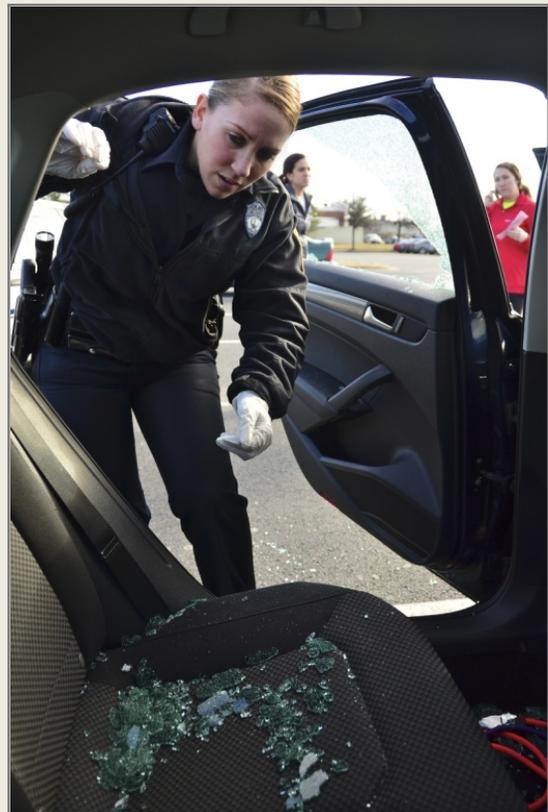
*The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft*

Burglaries continued to show a significant reduction in 2013, with the lowest number of incidents reported in a decade.

## **Larceny**

*The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, of another person*

By far the most common offense reported is larceny, which also is the greatest contributor to the overall increase in crime in Fredericksburg. The overall number of offenses increased by 123 in 2013, and of those, 116 were larcenies. The most common type of larceny reported is shoplifting (35% of total larcenies), with thefts from vehicles and thefts from buildings sharing second place (each 22% of total larcenies). While stealing from cars is unfortunately commonplace, it remains the easiest preventable crime of opportunity by the simple act of securing the door locks.



## Motor Vehicle Theft

*Theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of land and not on rails*

Although there was an increase in reports of motor vehicle thefts in 2013, the majority of that increase is attributable to the ten incidents involving scooters and mopeds, which have become very popular in the city. Seven of the stolen scooters were located and returned to their owners, and twelve of the stolen cars/trucks were also recovered. Most of the recovered vehicles were found within the city limits.

**Clearance Rates** - The rate at which crimes are solved in Fredericksburg remains very high, especially as compared with national statistics (statistics for national rates not yet available for 2013).

<i>Clearance Rates</i>	<i>FPD 2012</i>	<i>FPD 2013</i>	<i>USA 2012</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>62.5%</i>
<i>Rape</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>40.1%</i>
<i>Robbery</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	<i>70.5%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>55.8%</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>26.1%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>12.7%</i>
<i>Larceny</i>	<i>37.2%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>22.0%</i>
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>28%</i>	<i>11.9%</i>

# Awards and Achievements

Trish Dinsmore was hired as a Communications Officer in April 1996 and was promoted to Communications Supervisor effective April 13, 2013.



Officer Crystal Wilson was promoted to Corporal on January 19, 2013.



On May 15, three employees took an oath in front of Chief Nye as they attained their new positions through promotion: Lt. Mark Purcell, Sgt. Devin Clarke, Lt. Mike Presutto (left to right above)



### **Lifesaving Award – Mary Jo Blake**

Mary Jo was on vacation Florida on January 26, 2013 and while playing tennis, she witnessed someone on the tennis court having a medical emergency. Mary Jo reached the patient and found that he was in cardiac arrest and immediately began CPR. She was assisted by Division Chief

Mark Stone of the Stafford County Fire Department. Mary Jo then asked for an AED. After an employee from the country club responded with an AED, the unit was applied with assistance from a Monroe County, FL Sheriff's Department Deputy. Once the first rescue squad arrived, the patient had a pulse, blood pressure and was breathing. The patient was treated at a local hospital and eventually recovered at home. If it was not for the quick response and emergency care provided by Mary Jo, the outcome might not have been so positive. Mary Jo received a letter from the City of Marathon, FL Fire Chief thanking her and commending the department for having such well-trained and dedicated professionals on staff.

### **Lifesaving Award – Lt. Bill Hallam and Officer Ryan Merrell**

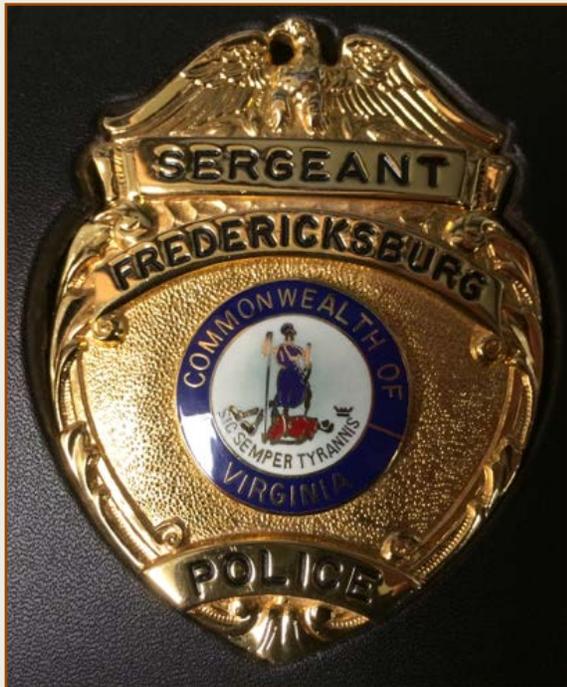
During a call for a structure fire, Lt. Bill Hallam and Officer Ryan Merrell responded to the fire and upon arrival, they noticed a teenage female hanging out of a second story window with heavy smoke pouring out around her. With the sense of urgency mounting, and with the Fire Department still on the way, Officer Merrell checked a neighbor's backyard for a ladder and was able to find one. Officer Merrell positioned the ladder underneath the window, but it was still about three feet



short. The frightened victim refused to climb out of the window to try and reach the ladder. Lt. Hallam climbed the ladder, with Officer Merrell steadying it, and pulled the girl in a bear hug from the window and onto the ladder. The innovative quick-thinking and bravery of Lt. Hallam and Officer Merrell is to be commended,

and due to their actions, the girl was rescued and transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation injuries.

### **Officer of the 4th Quarter/Officer of the Year – Sergeant Devin Clarke**



Prior to his promotion to sergeant, Devin was a member of the Non-Supervisory Committee and displayed great initiative with two projects that began in March 2013. He presented these ideas at the meeting and immediately began researching and organizing the projects. As of the 4th quarter 2013, both projects have been almost fully implemented. The first project is the Loss Prevention Alert System and was Devin's idea as a way to notify retail merchants of in-progress shopliftings and individuals passing counterfeit bills, etc. Flyers were

distributed to City businesses and an email group was created as a way to notify business managers, owners and loss prevention associates. The department has received great feedback and enthusiastic appreciation from the involved business owners. Full implementation of the Loss Prevention Alert System will take place when it is addressed in the Directive System. The second project presented by Devin was a comprehensive revision to the City Ordinance that regulates the use of City-owned parks and property after identifying major inconsistencies in the previous ordinance. With the assistance of Ms. Kristy Brown, Devin plotted each park and property and the inconsistencies in the City Code, and forwarded it along with the proposed revisions to the City Attorney's Office. The proposed changes were unanimously approved by the Parks & Recreation Commission in December.

## Employee of the 4th Quarter/Employee of the Year – Kristy Brown



Kristy received two Employee of the Quarter awards in 2013, once during the 1st quarter and again during the 4th quarter. In January 2013, Kristy was transferred to a new assignment as the Training Manager and Budget & Account Clerk. Following her transfer, Kristy spent several weeks reorganizing the Training section to include updating all of the current employee training files. Also during the same time frame, she began coordinating the department-wide Network Cleanup procedures in conjunction with the “Super Users” group, one of the four committees Kristy is a member of: Training Committee, Awards Committee, Non-Supervisory Committee and the Super Users. In May, Kristy attended training for “Crystal Reports” software in order to begin assisting the Communications Manager with the Service Level Agreement between the Fire Department and Rescue Squad; she also spent several weeks on this project. As part of her job function as Training Manager, Kristy was tasked with writing updates to the Career Development Program. This project included interviewing employees, research, meetings, edits and organizing the newest version for all employees to review and understand. The updated Career Development plan was completed in conjunction with several other high-priority projects during the last quarter to include: working directly with Command Staff on the FY15 Budget Request Submission, coordinating mandatory end of year training for employees, and updating all of the forms on the server. It should be also noted that the City Budget Manager has requested all City departments to format their submissions using Kristy’s model. In addition to all of this, Kristy began working with Sgt. Devin Clarke on two projects in March 2013, the first of which was the Loss Prevention Alert System to notify retail merchants of in-progress crimes which may potentially affect their businesses, and the second was a comprehensive revision to the City Ordinance that regulates the use of City-owned parks and property.

## **Auxiliary Officer of the Year - Auxiliary Officer John Fesq**



Auxiliary Officer Fesq logged 292 volunteer hours of patrol time and training during 2013 in addition to working special details such as the Marine Corps Half Marathon and the downtown Christmas Parade. John further responded to 111 calls for service either as the primary officer or as backup; of this time, 107 hours were patrol time. John covered 12 of the City Council Meetings (over 50%) including emergency coverage for call-outs. Officer Fesq is a dedicated volunteer to this department and has proven to be a valuable asset.

## **Recognition from the Community -**

**Officer Robert Brown** was selected to receive an award from the Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his enforcement efforts focused on reducing the incidents of impaired driving. Officer Brown alone was responsible for 15% of the 212 DUI/DUID arrests made by the Fredericksburg Police Department in 2012. He accomplished this while assigned to a regular patrol squad.

**Lieutenant Sheila Jones** was honored with a Community Hero award, one of three given out by Mary Washington Healthcare as part of the national Spirit of Women program to recognize unsung heroes.

**Lieutenant Greg Wigglesworth** was selected as the Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year for his dedication and years of service.

**Victim's Advocate Lys Reed and Officer Julie Keene** were honored by the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board for their demonstrated support of individuals in recovery from mental health crises.

# Four-Legged Partners



Officer Lee Ridenour was selected as the Police Department's newest canine handler in 2013 and he received his partner Loki at the end of March. The team graduated from K-9 training school on October 31 after becoming jointly certified in tracking, drug detection, and offender apprehension techniques. The funds to purchase the patrol canine were donated by the National Housing Trust/Hazel Hill Apartments as part of

**Officer Lee Ridenour and Loki**

their ongoing initiative of partnering with law enforcement to address community concerns.

A K-9 and his human partner are always continuing their training to remain sharp and effective on the street. The FPD K-9 handlers train regularly with the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office in simulated tracking and drug detection scenarios.

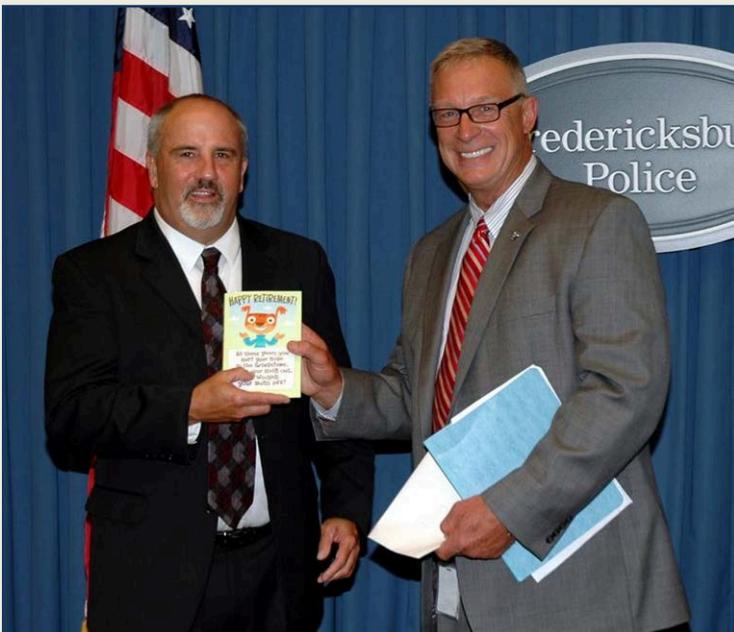


Sgt. Josh Lynch and Max search for contraband



# Retirements

A total of six long time and dedicated professionals retired from their careers as sworn law enforcement officers in 2013.



**Detective Doug Perkins** began his career with the Police Department in September 1986 and excelled as a patrol officer. He served as a Field Training Officer, became one of the founding members of the Special Equipment Tactical Team and served as Team Leader, and he was one of the first bicycle-certified officers

serving in the Special Detail Unit. In January 1996, Doug was assigned to the Detective Division and graduated from the Forensic Science Academy the following year. As a detective, Doug was a vital contributor to nearly every major investigation assigned to the Detective Division during his distinguished tenure. Doug's dedication to the Police Department extended well beyond his role as an investigator. He was a driving force for the establishment of the Crisis Negotiation Team in 2006 and served as its Team Leader. Detective Perkins' devotion to training and demonstration of excellence helped shape the team into the highly effective and committed unit it has become. Detective Perkins retired on June 1.



**Lieutenant Greg Wigglesworth** began his career with the Police Department in April 1984 as a Patrolman. He attained the status of veteran police officer in 1990 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1991, then achieved the rank of Lieutenant in 2005. Greg served as the Commander of the Vice/Narcotics Unit for three years, and he provided vital and valuable services acting as the department liaison in town hall forums and to various civic groups; he was also chosen to be the department's representative to the Citizen's Public Safety Academy at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy. Greg faithfully served as the department's coordinator for Virginia Special Olympics for five years. He experienced immense success in directing events and fundraising for the organization, amassing approximately \$24,000 during his tenure. Greg's dedication and efforts to support the Special Olympics set the example for others to follow. Lieutenant Wigglesworth retired on June 1.

**Sergeant Darryl Labbe**

began his career in a volunteer capacity as an Auxiliary Officer in 1994 and he excelled in his assignment as a patrol officer after being hired full-time in 1996. During the span of his career, Darryl advanced through well-deserved promotions until reaching the rank of Sergeant in January 2009. He proved his dedication to this department by becoming a Field Training



Officer, a Hostage Negotiator and a K-9 handler. Darryl also faithfully volunteered for the annual Cops and Kids project assisting underprivileged children with a Christmas shopping spree. Sergeant Labbe was a member of the Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad before joining the Police Department. He was one of the first members in the state to become a certified EMT and he served as the squad's Captain in 1979. Through his dedicated service, Darryl became a lifetime member of the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad in 1994. Sergeant Labbe retired on December 31.



**Lieutenant Sheila Jones** began her career with the Police Department in October 1983 and she excelled as a patrol officer. Sheila was one of the first female police officers hired and she had the longest career to date of any female police officer within this department. Sheila accomplished many other firsts with the Fredericksburg Police Department to include becoming the first African-American supervisor, first female Field Training Officer, first female general assignment and vice-narcotics detective, first female Corporal and Sergeant as well as the first female Lieutenant/Watch Commander. Lt. Jones' dedication to public safety extended well beyond the Police Department. She was passionate about violence prevention and community education throughout her career. Sheila was a Rape Aggression Defense instructor for eighteen years, helping to teach the women and children of our community self-defense tactics and techniques. She became a member of Law Enforcement United in 2008, helping to honor and remember fallen police officers and their survivors, and Sheila participated in numerous fundraising events for this organization as well as the annual LEU bike tour.

**Officer Keith Jones** began his career with the Police Department in 1986 as an Auxiliary Officer and became a full-time Officer in June 1990. Keith was assigned to the vice/narcotics division as a detective, serving from 1992 to 1994. He attained the status of Veteran Police Officer in November 1994 and became a Field Training Officer in February 1996. Keith was always willing to help when

needed and always represented this department with tact and professionalism. His dedication to public safety and commitment to the community extended beyond the Police Department. In June 2000, Keith was selected for the position of school resource officer at James Monroe High School. He served in this position from its inception and the position has become an essential component of the department's patrol strategy as well as a critical element of the educational system. During his tenure as a school resource officer, Keith became mediator, mentor, and role model for students and these key elements provided a safe school environment so that education could take place in an atmosphere free of crime and the fear of crime.

Lieutenant Sheila Jones and Officer Keith Jones, a married couple with two sons, retired together on July 1.



**Detective Tim Garrett** began his career with the Police Department in August 1990 as an Auxiliary Officer and became a full time Officer in February 1992. Tim excelled as an investigator and after only two years in uniform, he was selected to be a Detective in March 1994. Returning to Patrol in January 1998, Tim shared his investigative talents as a Field Training Officer and Acting Corporal until his reassignment to the Detective Division in 2001. Tim graduated from the Forensic Science Academy in 2004 and he

participated in nearly every major investigation assigned to the Detective Division during his distinguished tenure. Detective Garrett retired on March 1.

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