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Mission Statement

The mission of the Arlington County Police Department is the reduction of the incidence of crime and the improvement of the quality of life in Arlington County by making it a place where all people can live safely and without fear.
I am pleased to present the Arlington County Police Department’s 2016 Annual Report. While the overall crime rate continues to trend downwards, this is just one example of how we measure our success in protecting and serving Arlington County. This report reflects the many endeavors the men and women of this department undertake to maintain Arlington County as a safe place to live, work and visit.

Last year the agency adopted three key initiatives to guide staff as we continue to deliver professional police services to our community. These initiatives are community engagement, transportation safety, and crime prevention and control. In recognition of our commitment to keeping the Arlington community informed and engaged, this annual report reflects highlights of our efforts in each initiative.

With input from stakeholders in the community, as well as internally within the department, the Arlington County Police Department drafted the 2017–2021 Strategic Management Plan. The plan translates the department’s mission, values and key initiatives into goals and objectives that assist in effectively allocating police resources.

To further engage with our community, the Citizen’s Police Academy was reinstated. The Citizen’s Police Academy is designed to create better understanding and communication between citizens and the police through education. We recognize that graduates of the academy make a serious commitment to the program and would like to thank them for their civic engagement and dedication to working with the department to improve the quality of life of all citizens.

I am proud of the commitment and dedication to public service shown by the members of the Arlington County Police Department. On behalf of them, I would like to take a moment to thank our community for their continued support of our officers and the duties they perform each and every day. Community policing and community relations are more important than ever and we are committed to building trust and confidence with those we serve. We look forward to working closely with our community to maintain these strong relationships which are vital to public safety.

M. Jay Farr
Chief of Police

Our VALUES
The men and women of the Arlington County Police Department value:

Courage | Competence | Commitment | Compassion

Integrity | Restraint | Respect
ACPD Facts

Arlington County Population
220,400

ACPD Sworn Staff
367

ACPD Professional Staff
103

County Square Miles
26

Red Light Violations
19,767

Traffic Citations
34,589

Traffic Accidents
2,711

Calls for Service
83,511
Corporal Harvey Snook passed away on January 14th, 2016, as the result of cancer contracted while working in the recovery efforts at the Pentagon following the terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001.

He was assigned to patrol and responded to the Pentagon after American Airlines Flight 77 struck the building at 9:38 am. He remained working at the site for the following week collecting evidence and the remains of victims. He was diagnosed with cancer related to the recovery efforts on September 9th, 2014.

Corporal Snook was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Arlington County Police Department for 27 years. Corporal Snook touched many lives during his service to the Arlington County community. He will be remembered for his dedication, generosity but most fondly for his cheerful personality that brightened any situation.

During the Arlington County Police Department’s observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 10, 2017, Corporal Snook was added to the police memorial statue. His plaque will serve as a constant reminder of his service and sacrifice to Arlington County.

“IT IS NOT HOW THESE OFFICERS DIED THAT MADE THEM HEROES, IT IS HOW THEY LIVED”

– Vivian Envey Cross
Part I Offense 2010-2016

2016 Crime Statistics

In 2016, the overall crime rate in Arlington County decreased by 2.4%. The crime rate focuses on Part I offenses, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and are considered serious crimes. This includes crimes against persons: homicides, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and crimes against property: burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

The Arlington County Police Department’s Annual Report is based on criminal incidents reported to the department. Crime data is collected using the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The NIBR system requires that extensive data be reported for each crime occurring during a particular incident.

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<td>AGGRAVATED ASSAULT</td>
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<td>174</td>
<td>146</td>
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<td>BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING</td>
<td>287</td>
<td>239</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>179</td>
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<td>FORCIBLE RAPE</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>LARCENY</td>
<td>3,491</td>
<td>3,486</td>
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<td>MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT</td>
<td>182</td>
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<td>MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT</td>
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<td>ROBBERY</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>126</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
<td>4,248</td>
<td>4,210</td>
<td>3,872</td>
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Part I offenses have decreased by 17.3% since 2012.
Part II offenses are comprised of various felonies and misdemeanors. Despite an increase in 2014, the number of reported Part II offenses has remained relatively consistent over the past five years.

The majority of crimes reported to and investigated by the Arlington County Police Department are Part II offenses. Below is a breakdown of the most common Part II offenses reported to police.

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<td>COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>183</td>
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<td>DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM</td>
<td>834</td>
<td>902</td>
<td>914</td>
<td>660</td>
<td>645</td>
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<td>DISORDERLY CONDUCT</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS</td>
<td>670</td>
<td>789</td>
<td>886</td>
<td>934</td>
<td>922</td>
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<td>DRUNKENNESS</td>
<td>625</td>
<td>645</td>
<td>693</td>
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<td>FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE</td>
<td>244</td>
<td>294</td>
<td>478</td>
<td>419</td>
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<td>IMPERSONATION</td>
<td>326</td>
<td>387</td>
<td>465</td>
<td>616</td>
<td>604</td>
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<td>LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>70</td>
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In 2016, there were 140 fewer reportable crashes than in the previous year. This year, the data consists of all traffic crashes that occurred in Arlington County, including those that were investigated by other agencies. In previous years, only crashes investigated by Arlington County Police were reported. This change has contributed to the increase in the number of injuries reported as the data now includes Virginia State Police investigations of crashes on state highways.

Transportation safety is a key initiative of the Arlington County Police Department and officers are focused on ensuring the safety of pedestrians, bicyclist and motorists. As part of the Department’s traffic safety program, education and enforcement are utilized to reduce the number of crashes. We are proud to report that there were zero pedestrian, bicyclist, or driver fatalities investigated by the Arlington County Police Department in 2016.

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<td>All Crashes</td>
<td>3,110</td>
<td>2,970</td>
<td>2,902</td>
<td>2,851</td>
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<td>Bicycle Involved Crashes</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Pedestrian Involved Crashes</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>153</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>103</td>
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<td>Alcohol Involved Crashes</td>
<td>177</td>
<td>173</td>
<td>165</td>
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<td>Injuries</td>
<td>677</td>
<td>596</td>
<td>555</td>
<td>499</td>
<td>718</td>
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<td>Fatalities</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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The number of reported bicycle crashes has steadily declined over the past five years. While there were 24 more reportable pedestrian involved crashes in 2016 than in the previous year, the number of reported incidents have remained relatively consistent over the last five years.

*Represents all reportable crash data in Arlington County, including investigations by other law enforcement agencies within the county.

**One traffic fatality was reported in Arlington County in 2016 and investigated by Virginia State Police.
The Arlington County Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists while maintaining the safe and orderly flow of traffic in Arlington County. To prevent crashes and ultimately save lives, the department has focused on changing the behavior of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians through various education and enforcement campaigns. The police department’s efforts are part of a broader Arlington County initiative to embrace multimodal transportation options in an urban village setting. When each mode of travel can predict the actions of one another based on the legal rights each possess, our shared roadways become safer for all users.

In recognizing that pedestrians are one of our most vulnerable travelers, the Arlington County Police Department implemented the National Highway Safety Transportation Administration’s Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Campaign to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities. This campaign focuses on enforcement of right-of-way pedestrian laws at marked crosswalks that are uncontrolled by a traffic light. The goal of this high visibility enforcement is compliance with the right-of-way of pedestrian laws even when police are not present.

In implementing the program, the department researches potential locations by assessing Traffic Accident Reduction Program (TARP) data, constituent complaints and officer observations. Once a location is selected, the officers utilize traffic data for the speed limit of the particular intersection to measure a safe stopping distance. This safe stopping distance provides the motorist with enough time to observe the pedestrian in the crosswalk and bring their vehicle to a stop. A designated pedestrian from the department always waits for a safe break in traffic and never enters the crosswalk in disregard of approaching vehicles. Motorists
that fail to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk are cited. Over the course of the year, nine pedestrian safety campaigns were conducted as part of our overall effort to increase the safety of Arlington County’s roadways.

The Arlington County Police Department continues to partner with Bike Arlington in an ongoing effort to make Arlington County a safe place to ride a bicycle. Each spring as the weather becomes warmer and an increased number of bicyclists take to our roadways, the department conducts the Arlington Safe Bicycling Initiative. The initiative educates motorists and bicyclists on traffic laws that apply to bicyclists with the goal of reducing crashes. When motorists and bicyclists are educated on the laws regarding bicyclists, each can share a mutual understanding of what their responsibilities are toward one another and ultimately improve the safety of both travelers. The department also periodically joins Bike Arlington on bike tours of Arlington County to address public safety concerns of those who travel on two wheels.

As part of the department’s overall traffic safety program, the morning rush hour detail in Rosslyn at the intersections of Lee Highway at Lynn Street and Wilson Boulevard at Lynn Street was reinstated in 2016. Due to the area’s proximity to the District of Columbia and the intersection of major roadways, Rosslyn experiences heavy traffic volume during weekday mornings. The detail aims to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety, maintain the normal flow of traffic and restrict motorists from blocking the box through high visibility law enforcement presence and enforcement.

Each year, the Arlington County Police Department participates in the Street Smart public education, awareness and behavioral change campaign in the Washington, DC, suburban Maryland and northern Virginia area. This regional effort aims to build safer streets and sidewalks by enforcing traffic laws, educating travelers and training better drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

No matter your mode of transportation, police encourage you to share the roads with one another and proceed with care and caution for each other’s safety.
The Arlington County Police Department has a long history of community policing and engaging with our community to reduce/prevent crime and improve the quality of life of residents. We are committed to building strong community partnerships through outreach initiatives and engagement activities. In 2016, the three community policing district teams attended over 350 various community outreach events within the county. Below are highlights of these engagement activities. We hope you’ll explore the many ways we can work together to continue making Arlington County a great place to live, work and visit.

**Operation Santa distributions**

Distributes toys donated by the community to children in need.

**District Team officers help package meals during Hunger to Hope.**

**Future officers explore Arlington County Police vehicles during the Summer Block Party.**

**School Resource Officers try their hand at games created by students during the Team Kids carnival.**

**K9 Jax graduates from K9 school with handler Sgt. Morrison.**

**Team Arlington completed the 250+ mile bike ride to honor the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty and remember the survivors left behind.**
Police and Firefighters participate in the Make-a-Wish Mid-Atlantic Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Pentagon City.

Final District officers assist with ice cream sundaes during National Night Out.

Patrol officers distributed candy to trick or treaters on Halloween.

Police and managers of Clarendon restaurants recognize patrons who took the Sober Ride pledge to get home safely.

Nathaniel Abraham was sworn in as the third annual Chief for the Day winner. His term was served on June 21, 2016.
MAN SENTENCED FOR MULTIPLE ATTACKS IN ARLINGTON COUNTY

At approximately 4:56 a.m. on May 15, 2016, a female victim was awoken in her residence in the 700 block of N. Edgewood Street to an unknown male suspect sexually assaulting her. Following the attack, the suspect fled the scene. The victim was then able to call 911. The victim advised that earlier in the evening, at approximately 2:30 a.m., upon returning to the residence she observed an unknown adult male walking away from the rear of the residence. That individual left the area in a tan colored four door sedan. He was described as wearing a black hooded shell jacket with the hood up.

DNA evidence recovered from this assault was submitted to the state lab for analysis. The DNA results linked this case with an unsolved 2007 attempted abduction in the 1100 block of N. Vermont Street. At approximately 2:27 a.m. on May 28, 2007, a female victim was walking in the 1100 block of N. Vernon Street when an unknown male suspect confronted her from behind and attempted to cover her face with a plastic bag. The victim screamed and the suspect fled the area on foot. The plastic bag was processed for evidence and a latent fingerprint was recovered.

An additional attack occurred on June 7, 2007 at approximately 1:20 a.m. when a female victim inside her residence in the 2600 block of Lee Highway heard a knock on her door. When she opened the door, an unknown male subject attempted to place a plastic bag over the victim’s head. The victim screamed and the suspect fled the scene on foot.

Upon receiving the link between the 2007 and 2016 cases, Arlington County Police Department detectives began an intensive investigation including the review of cold case files, crime scene evidence and laboratory results. The review led to additional information which resulted in Justin Wingate Poe being identified as a possible suspect.

Justin Wingate Poe, 35, of Woodbridge, VA was sentenced on Friday, February 10, 2017 in the Arlington County Circuit Court to fifty-eight years in prison for his role in multiple attacks in Arlington County. Judge DiMatteo imposed a sentence of fifty years for the charge of rape and twenty years, with all but fifteen years suspended, for the charge of burglary related to a 2016 sexual assault. These sentences will run concurrently. Additionally, Wingate Poe was charged with two counts of attempted abduction for incidents occurring in 2007. On each charge, Wingate Poe was sentenced to five years with one year suspended.

Composite sketch released in 2007 compared to Poe’s 2016 booking photo.
MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on June 19, 2016, a male subject unlawfully entered a female victim’s residence in the 3900 block of 4th Street N. and sexually assaulted her. The subject used the threat of a weapon to hold her against her will. During the attack, the 28-year-old female victim was able to lock herself in the bathroom and yell for help. The male subject fled the scene on foot and was observed by a neighbor leaving the scene.

Following interviews with the victim and witnesses, a composite sketch of the suspect was developed. A combination of evidence collected during the investigation and the accounts of several people from the neighborhood led to the identification of Anibal Rodriguez Castellanos.

On Friday, March 3, 2017, Anibal Rodriguez Castellanos, 37, was sentenced in the Arlington County Circuit Court to thirty years, with five years suspended, for the charge of burglary while armed and ten years for the charge of attempted rape. These sentences will run concurrently. After his release, Castellanos will be listed on the sex offender registry.

HOMICIDE ON GLEBE ROAD

Shortly after 8:00 p.m. on April 1, 2016, Arlington County Police were dispatched to the 100 block of S. Glebe Road for the report of an assault with injuries. Arriving officers located one juvenile male suffering from minor injuries. A police unit responding to the scene was flagged down by medics at the intersection of S. Glebe Road and 3rd Street S. where a second male victim suffering from numerous stab wounds was located. The second victim, Dennis Adams, 46, of Arlington, VA was transported to George Washington University Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Following the incident, detectives interviewed the juvenile male who provided police with a detailed account of the events that occurred on April 1. Through the course of the investigation, detectives uncovered a number of inconsistencies in the juvenile’s account of these events and other evidence that lead them to believe his account was fabricated. On April 2, 2016 the juvenile was charged with murder and stabbing while committing a felony.

Detectives determined that this homicide was the result of a domestic incident that took place in a residence in the 3600 block of 3rd Street S. The juvenile pled guilty to the murder and sentencing is scheduled for the spring of 2017.
In 2016, police investigated 789 reports of larcenies from auto with the majority of cases stemming from unlocked vehicles. These are crimes of opportunity and there are simple crime prevention tips citizens can utilize to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim:

- No matter if you park on a public street, in a driveway or garage take all valuables out of your vehicle. This includes keys, key fobs, purses, cash, and electronics. Don't forget to remove the valet key that comes with some vehicles.
- If a thief can get into a vehicle, they can also have access to a garage door opener and can gain access to your home. Ensure the door into your home is always locked.
- Lock your doors and keep windows up. Pull on the door handles to verify it's locked.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Call police if you see individuals looking into your cars or your neighbor's cars. The telltale sign that this has occurred in your neighborhood are open doors with the interior dome lights on.

Partnerships between police and the citizens they serve are essential to keeping our community safe. If you see something suspicious, report to police by calling the non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. If you see a suspect in your vehicle, do not approach them and call 911 immediately.
The Arlington County Police Department wants the community it serves to have pride in its police department. We are committed to building strong partnerships with the community to prevent and reduce crime while establishing open lines of communication to ensure the public’s trust. To best serve our residents, the department strives to hire a police force that represents our community. The Personnel and Recruitment Office seeks individuals from all backgrounds, who possess the necessary qualifications to serve Arlington’s unique community. We pride ourselves on the diversity of the men and women across all positions and ranks within the Arlington County Police Department. We are committed to the ongoing recruitment of qualified candidates to add to the overall professionalism of the Arlington County Police Department.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau –2010 Decennial Census 2010 SF1:P5; Arlington Planning Division estimates, January 2016 Update
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