



Operations Report

2021



Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is with great pride that I present the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for the year 2021. This marks my fourteenth year as your sheriff and it has been an exciting and productive one. It is my pleasure to provide you with the information about the operations and accomplishments of your sheriff's office, information that reflects the dedication and hard work of all the members. The men and women of the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office have worked diligently to provide high quality service and continue to strive toward a better community. I am proud of their efforts.

As you read through the 2021 Annual Report, you will better understand the function and organizational structure of the sheriff's office. I assure you that we will continue our efforts to better serve you, the community. We will strive to achieve our mission, vision, and values by being one of the most effective and efficient sheriff's office in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

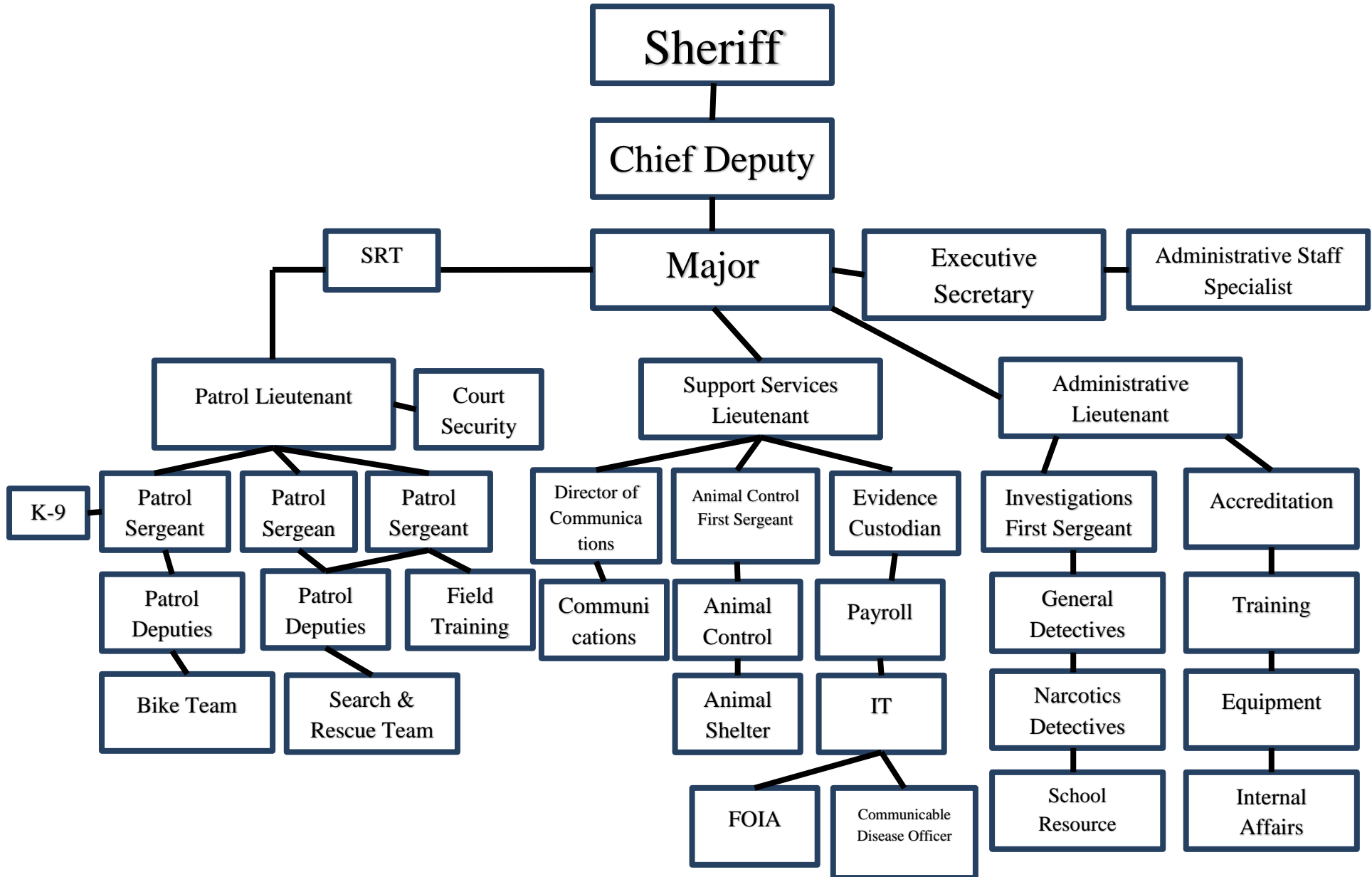
Sincerely,

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff

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Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office

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Mission Statement

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office will commit its resources in partnership with the community to:

Promote a safe and secure environment, free from crime and the fear of crime

Maintain order and provide for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic

Practice our core values of integrity, respect, service and fairness

INTEGRITY Integrity is the hallmark of the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office and we are committed to the highest performance standard, ethical conduct, and truthfulness in all relationships.

We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and take pride in a professional level of service.

RESPECT We treat all persons in a dignified and courteous manner, and exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in professional and personal endeavors. We guarantee to uphold the principles and values embodied in the constitution of the United States and the State of Virginia.

SERVICE We provide quality service in a courteous, efficient, and accessible manner. We foster community and employee involvement through problem-solving partnerships.

FAIRNESS We treat all people impartially, with consideration and compassion. We are equally responsive to our employees and the community we serve.

C.O. Balderson Sheriff
Westmoreland County

Accreditation

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office is among an elite group of law enforcement agencies having earned accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). Of the more than 400 law enforcement agencies in Virginia, 98 of them have achieved this distinction.

Accreditation is considered the ultimate measure in professionalism among law enforcement agencies. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission consists of members of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, Virginia Association of Chiefs' of Police, and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. It has established 191 professional standards divided into four general subject areas: Administration, Operations, Personnel, and Training by which law enforcement agencies are measured. In providing the accreditation program, the Commission's goals are:



To promote public confidence in law enforcement.

To promote cooperation among agencies.

To ensure proper training for law enforcement personnel.

To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of services provided by law enforcement.

In October 2005, the sheriff's office embarked on this ambitious project of becoming accredited through VLEPSC. One and a half years of hard work and dedication culminated in April 2006 when the Office was formally assessed by VLEPSC and subsequently awarded official accredited status on May 25, 2006.

Accreditation sets the standards by which an agency must continue to operate in order to retain their accredited status. These professional standards must become a routine way of conducting sheriff's office business. There are on-going yearly reviews, with re-accreditation scheduled every four years. The sheriff's office was Re-Accredited in May of 2018 with the next audit scheduled for May of 2022.

Prescription Drug Drop Box Initiative Continues

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office continues its "Prescription Drugs Drop-Box" Initiative. The focus is to alleviate health and safety concerns from our community by collecting and properly disposing of unused and unwanted prescription medications which can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused and abused. 65.8 pounds were collected and disposed of in 2021.

The Drop-Box is located in the Sheriff's Office lobby. It is labeled/identifiable and is available 24/7 for drop offs. **NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!!**

The Sheriff's Office website (www.westcoso.us) lists acceptable and unacceptable items.



Sheriff's Office Participates in TRIAD Program

TRIAD is a cooperative partnership between senior citizens, law enforcement and prosecutors to share information on how seniors can avoid becoming victims of crime and enhance the safety and quality of their lives. The Westmoreland County S.A.L.T. Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) serves as a volunteer advisory committee for the county's TRIAD program.

Membership on the S.A.L.T. committee is comprised of seniors from the community to include members from business, healthcare, legal sectors, service clubs and other community service agencies who are not seniors but who have an interest in their safety and security.

The national based program was established in 1988 when three organizations agreed that senior citizens could better be protected by cooperative efforts. The relationship was cemented when the organizations - the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) - signed a cooperative agreement.



Sheriff's Office Participates in Project Lifesaver

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's office is a participating member of the Project Lifesaver program. The service is designed to assist families with loved ones suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementia disorders, as well as families with children afflicted with Down's syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments. These persons might be prone to wander away from home and become lost or confused.



Thank You from the Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the Westmoreland Ruritan Club donated \$300.00 to our Project Lifesaver Program. This initiative assists our deputies in locating those persons suffering from Autism, Dementia and other cognitive conditions due to a proneness to wander off and become lost or confused. This program is FREE of charge to the participants through the sheriff's office. However, donations assist in offsetting costs in our effort to offer this service to our community.



Popes Creek Baptist Church Thanks Law Enforcement

Thank you to Pastor Thomas Preston and Popes Creek Baptist Church for providing a Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday, November 22nd for Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office personnel. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful meal and your thoughtfulness. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Shop With The Sheriff Brings Christmas Cheer**

The Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office presented 35 county children with a wide variety of clothing items and toys as part of the fifth annual Shop With the Sheriff. Due to ongoing pandemic considerations, sheriff's office personnel conducted the shopping spree on Tuesday, December 7th and Sunday, December 12th at the Walmart Supercenter, Central Park. Each child was allotted \$250. On Wednesday, December 15th, the children and family member(s) arrived separately at the sheriff's office to pick up the wrapped gifts to include a special visit from Santa. Having the opportunity to see the abundance of smiles and even a few tears of joy makes our Shop With the Sheriff so special and meaningful. The heartfelt appreciation is priceless.



National Night Out Draws Large and Enthusiastic Crowd

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to those who came out to National Night Out. It was exciting to share in fellowship, meet new people and rekindle old friendships. A true testament to positive community relationships.

I also want to thank the different businesses and agencies to include their personnel for providing informational displays as well as the live entertainment from the Hard To Tell Band. A special thank you to American Trailer World, Schmidt Baking Company and Stan's Skateland for their sponsorships. Without the support, involvement and generosity of all involved, this event would not be possible.

Again, many thanks and looking forward to the 2022 National Night Out!!

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff



Sheriff's Office Safe Exchange Zone

Safe Exchange Zones are designed to increase safety for individuals buying and selling goods through websites such as Craigslist, Offer Up, and Facebook Marketplace, etc. The zones are also used for child custody exchanges.

The Sheriff's Office has designated two parking spaces as a Safe Exchange Zone. The zone is located on the east side of the sheriff's office main entrance. It is clearly marked in yellow along with signage that indicated the spaces are for safe exchanges. However, the zone may be monitored by surveillance cameras and/or law enforcement at all times.

"I was more than happy to designate parking spaces to provide the public with a safe environment to conduct business. Policing is not solely about enforcing laws. It's about offering preventative crime measures as well as providing quality of life based services to our community. This initiative is another way to do exactly that. I encourage those that conduct E-commerce and/or child custody exchanges to take advantage of the Safe Exchange Zone at the sheriff's office as a safe alternative during private party transactions."

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff



Deputy Allison A. Nowacki with K-9 'stitch'

Community Presentations



The Sheriff's Office conducted four Crime Prevention/Community Relations presentations in 2021. There were 53 citizens in attendance during the presentations, which covered the topics of golf cart safety, crime prevention, and traffic safety.

Presentations were limited do to COVID-19 safety restrictions.

Group A Offenses 2021	Group A Offenses Total
MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	3
SEX OFFENSES (FORCIBLE)	15
SEX OFFENSES (NON FORCIBLE)	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	102
INTIMIDATION	8
ARSON	1
BRIBERY	0
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	12
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	1
DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	49
EMBEZZLEMENT	0
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0
FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	15
CREDIT CARD/ATM FRAUD	2
IMPERSONATION	0
WELFARE FRAUD	1
WIRE FRAUD	1
ROBBERY	1
SHOPLIFTING	2
THEFT FROM BUILDING	3
THEFT FROM COIN MACHINE-DEVICE	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	6
THEFT OF MV PARTS	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	41
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	10
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2
DRUGS/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	92
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	7
PORNOGRAPHY/ OBSCENE MATERIAL	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	14
ANIMAL CRUELTY	4

Group A Offenses

Group A offenses consist of the most serious crimes reported by the Sheriff's Office to the State. Group A offenses consist of 22 categories of crime.

The Crimes reported column represents the total number of offenses reported by the Sheriff's Office to the State in calendar year 2021.*

GROUP B OFFENSE 2021	TOTAL ARRESTS
BAD CHECKS	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	64
DRUNKENNESS	22
FAMILY OFFENSES (NON VIOLENT)	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4
RUNAWAY	0
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	6
CONSPIRE TO COMMIT GROUP A OFF	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	151

Group B Offenses

Group B offenses are crimes of a less serious nature. The State requires only that arrests for these offenses be reported. There are 12 crimes which require reporting arrest data

The total column represents the number of arrests for each offense reported in 2021.

*Records source IBR submissions to VSP

Offense	2021
MURDER/ MANSLAUGHTER	0
RAPE	4
SODOMY	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	3
ROBBERY	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	102
INTIMIDATION / HARASSMENT	8
ARSON	1
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	12
SHOPLIFTING	2
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	3
LARCENY FROM VEHICLE	6
LARCENY PARTS /ACC FROM VEHICLE	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	41
VEHICLE THEFT	10
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	1
FRAUD (FALSE PRETENSE, SWINDLE)	15
FRAUD (CREDIT CARD, ATM)	2
IMPERSONATION	0
FRAUD BY WIRE	1
EMBEZZLEMENT	0
RECEIVE / POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	2
DAMAGE PROPERTY	49
DRUG NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	92
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	7
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	2
BRIBERY	0
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	14
ANIMAL CRUELTY	4
BAD CHECKS	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
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FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4
RUNAWAY	4
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	6
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	151

2021 Group Offenses

The numbers represented on these pages are the total offenses reported to Westmoreland Sheriff's Office in 2021. Summary numbers attributed to State IBR statistics from previous pages may not match these totals due to type of crimes involved per incident, unfounded cases, and other reporting procedures.

2021 Drug Enforcement



In 2021 there were a total of 97 narcotics offenses reported in Westmoreland County. These and older investigations resulted in 61 arrests for narcotics violations in the county.

The Sheriff's Office is also a member of a Tri-County Drug Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of sheriff's offices from Westmoreland County, King George County, Caroline County, to include the Virginia State Police and Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Drug Seizures reported by the Task Force during 2021 were predominantly Cocaine, and Marijuana.



- Cocaine — 139.9 grams
- Crack Cocaine --- 34.3 grams
- Eutylone (Salts) — 455.81 grams
- Crystal Meth (ICE) — 67.6 grams
- Marijuana — 472 grams
- MDMA --- 7.5 grams
- Heroin — 7 grams
- Fentanyl --- .4 grams
- Xanax --- 22.30 dosage units



Traffic Citations Issued in 2021

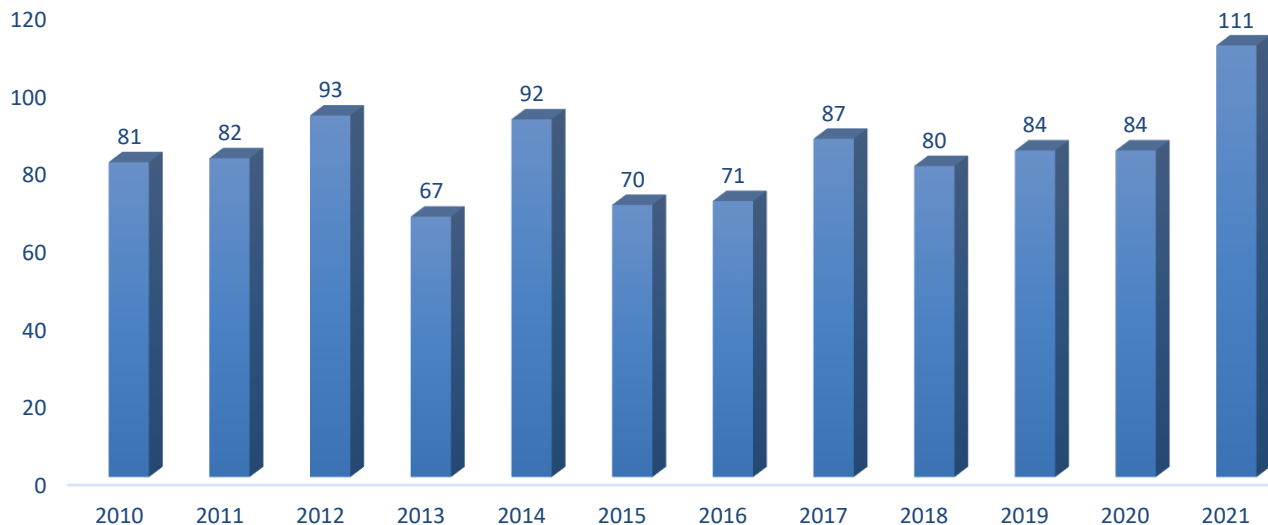
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	56
Failure to Secure Child	17
Reckless Driving	136
Illegal Window Tint	17
Driving Suspended/revoked	55
Expired State Inspection	291
Expired Registration	77
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	87
No Operator License	89
Fail to Yield Right of Way	3
Improper Stopping	0
Improper Equipment	26
Improper Registration	24
No Liability Insurance	10
No Inspection Sticker	90
Speeding	1,896
All other Traffic Offense	295

The chart at left represents the traffic citations issued by the Sheriff's Office in 2021.

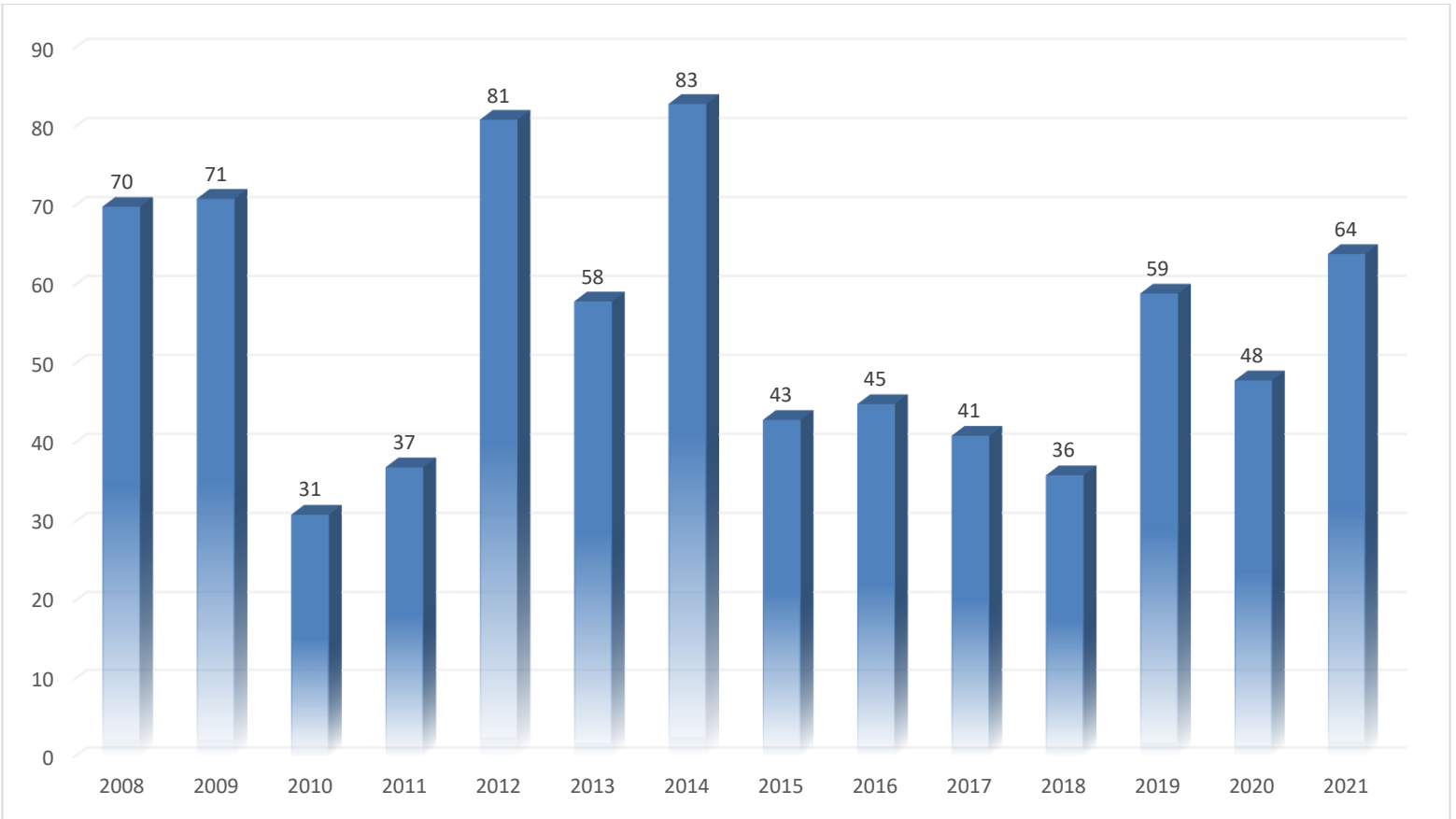


Accident Investigations

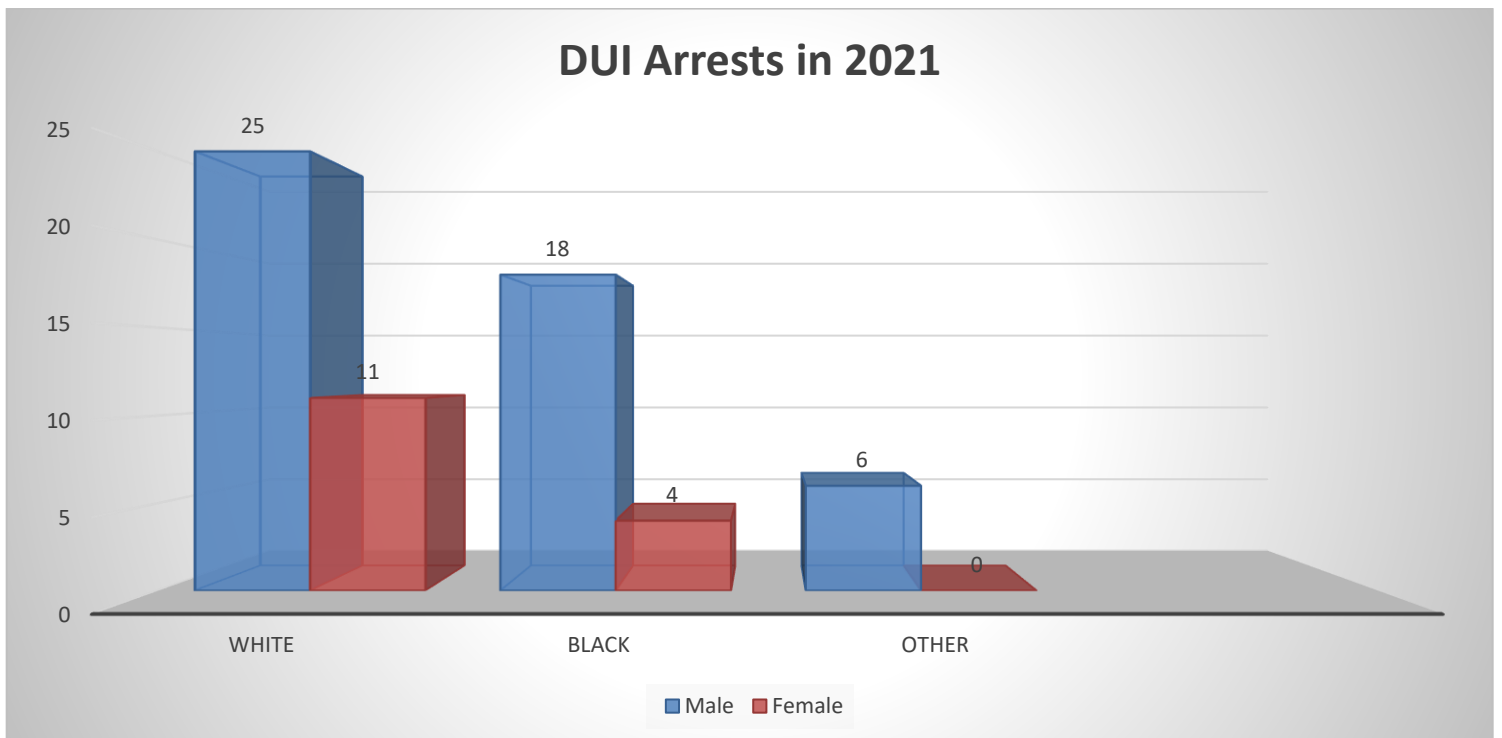
Accidents Worked Each Year



DUI Arrests 2008 to 2021



DUI Arrests 2021 by Race/Gender



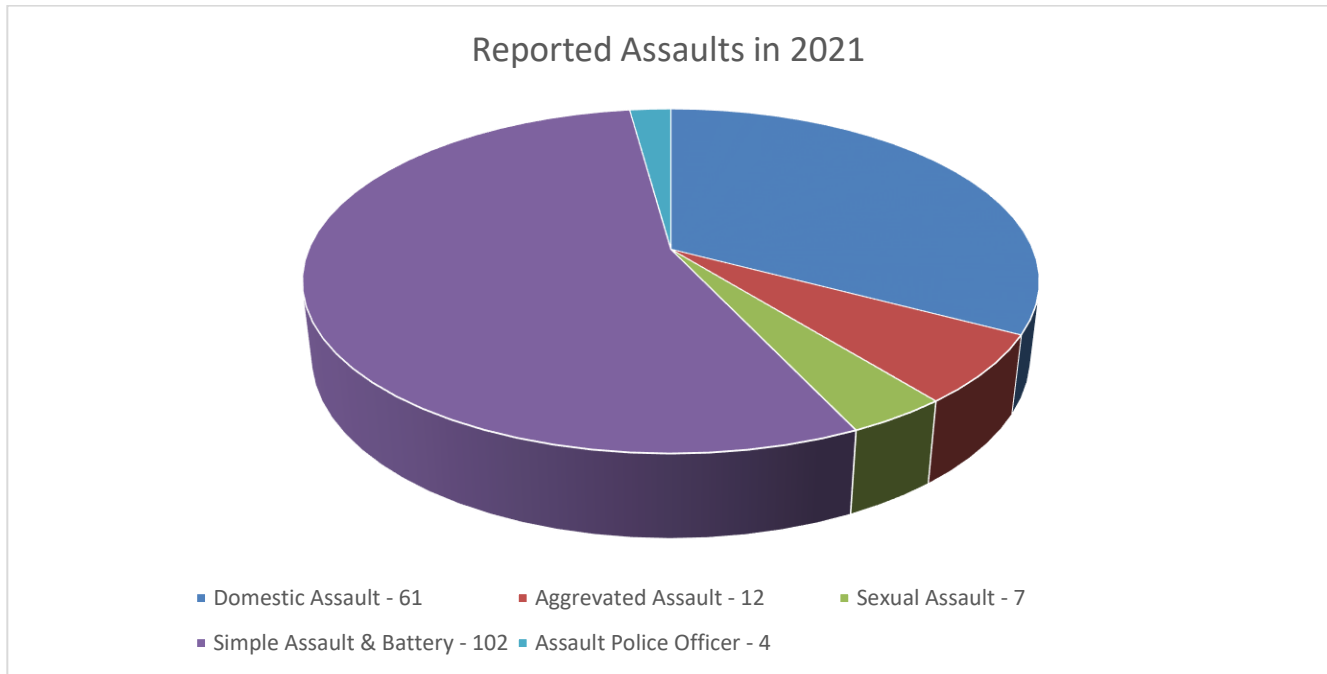
Arrest Statistics

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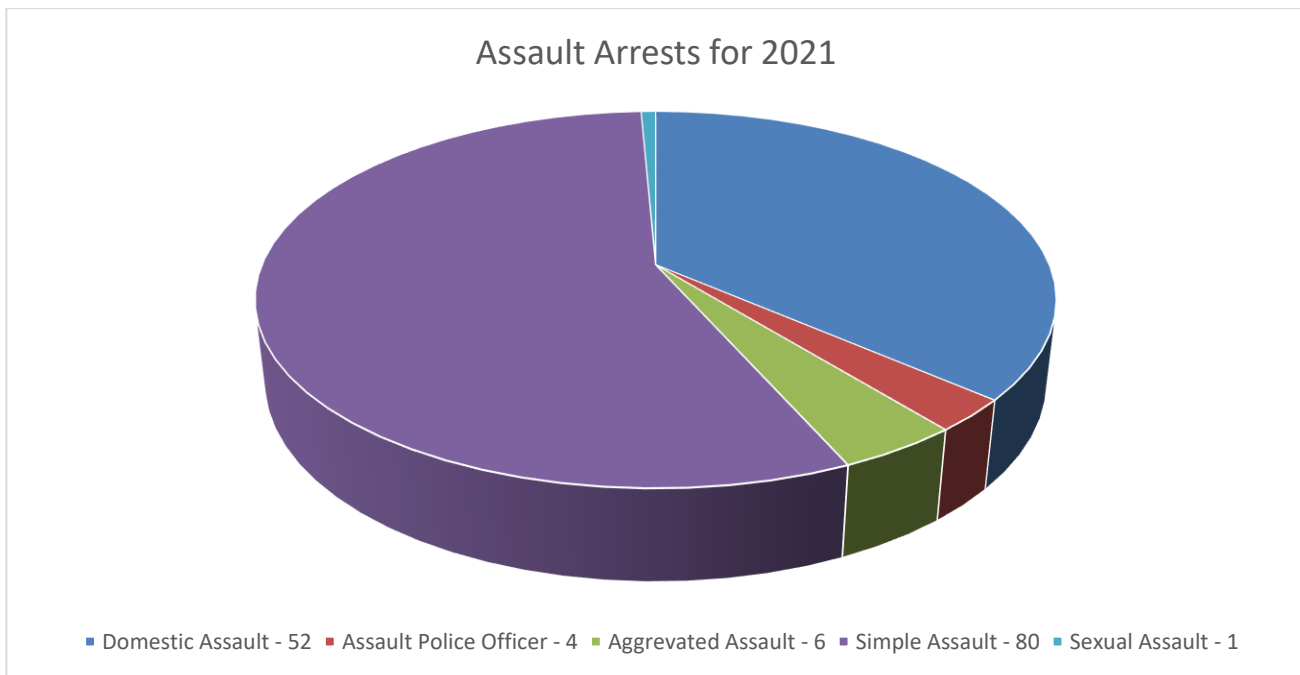
Offense	2021
Murder	0
Rape	0
Sodomy	0
Sexual Assault with Object	1
Aggravated Assault	6
Simple Assault	80
Intimidation	4
Extortion/Blackmail	0
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	0
Shoplifting	0
Theft from Building	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
All Other Larceny	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0
Embezzlement	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2
Damage, Vandalism to Property	4
Drug/Narcotic Violations	60
Drug Equipment Violations	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Bribery	0
Weapon Law Violations	5
Animal Cruelty	3
Bad Checks	4
Disorderly Conduct	2
Driving Under the Influence	64
Drunkenness	22
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0
Liquor Law Violations	4
Trespass of Real Property	6
All Other Offenses	151



Reported Assaults in 2021



The chart above represents the number of assaults reported in 2021. The chart below represents the number of arrests made for assault offenses.



Court Security Statistics

Court Days	Court Days	Man-hours
2011	181	4,237
2012	193	5,269
2013	187	4,888
2014	197	4,875
2015	196	4,638
2016	179	3,964
2017	168	3,419
2018	136	3,419
2019	224	4,115
2020	227	3,925
2021	227	4,025

Inmate Transports	Man-hours	Miles
2011	926	27,477
2012	847	24,858
2013	1,279	32,422
2014	1,480	37,156
2015	1,192	31,380
2016	827	27,380
2017	1,183	27,463
2018	1,321	32,817
2019	1,482	30,025
2020	1,405	21,660
2021	1,506	21,534

Civil Papers Served

Paper Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Paper Type not specified	7		2			
Admins. Support Order	9	5	9	4	9	9
Advance Notice of Lien	28	21				
Emergency Removal Order		4		3		1
DMV Notice	112		111	111	74	106
Domestic Violence Protective Order	1					
ECO	4	11	12	11	13	12
Emergency Protective Order	275	278	271	271	236	328
Emergency Removal Order	10	4	2		3	1
Employer's Income Deduction Order for Support						
Eviction Notice	100	80	56	64	27	18
Garnishment Summons	239	248	250	297	178	211
Information						
Jury Summons	792	483	672	816	383	352
Juvenile Petitions/Summons	765	412	706	944	893	745
Motion for Judgment	1	4	3	2	3	1
Motion Order to Amend	21	96	14	8	6	8
Notice	451	374	328	427	309	260
Notice of Appeal	5	3	7		1	1
Notice of Depositions				1		
Notice of Hearing	85	175	102	67	347	85
Notice of Seizure	1	2		1	1	
Order of Attachment						1
Payroll Deduction Order	2					
Petition for Support		3				
Petition	132	224	36	32	31	90
Preliminary Protective Order-Family Abuse	186	174	222	212	192	189
Protective Order - Family Abuse	43	74	39	54	61	45
Show Cause Summons	278	246	201	208	90	131
Subpoena	431	356	303	304	243	276
Subpoena Duces Tecum	30	40	21	24	16	17
Subpoena for Witness	1401	1408	1432	1569	1,442	1411
Summons Answer Interrogatories	45	45	24	28	13	15
Summons for Unlawful Detainer	263	293	258	259	150	95
TDO	23	25	24	30	31	35
Trespass Notice	79	81	48	56	42	40
Warrant In Debt	480	499	493	608	322	361
Warrant In Detinue	53	37	35	22	17	17
Writ of Execution		1	1			1
Writ of Fieri Facias	12	6	6	8	8	7
Writ of Possession	64	76	73	70	23	11
Writ of Possession/Fieri Facias	3	3				1

Dispatch Calls for Service

911 hang up	1721	HIGH WATER / FLOODING	30	TREE DOWN	138
ABDUCTION		HUNTING-FISHING VIOLATION	29	TRESPASSING	106
ALARM	406	ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITERING	24	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	10
ANIMAL BITES/ATTACKS	80	INDECENT EXPOSURE	3	VEHICLE THEFT	17
ANIMAL CONTROL (NOT ATTACKS)	745	INTOXICATED SUBJECT	49	WARRANTS / WANTED PERSONS	457
ANIMAL CRUELTY	25	INVESTIGATION	6	WELFARE / SECURITY CHECK	1728
ANIMAL IN ROAD	79	JUVENILE ISSUE	40		
ANIMAL INTRUSION	45	K-9 USAGE	22		
ANIMAL WILDLIFE CALL NOT ATTACKS	150	LARCENY	185		
DAMAGE TO ANIMAL / LIVESTOCK	9	LOITERING			
FOUND ANIMAL	85	LOST PROPERTY	42		
MISSING ANIMAL	54	MEDICAL CALL	3996		
STRAY DOG	289	MISSING PERSON	37		
ASSAULT & BATTERY	59	NOISE COMPLAINT	65		
ASSIST MOTORIST	1	OFF ROAD VEHICLES	88		
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCY	132	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	21		
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	208	OTHER	615		
B&E	51	PANIC ALARM	33		
BOAT IN DISTRESS	18	PAPER SERVICE	3343		
BOAT ACCIDENT		PARKING VIOLATION	180		
B O L	67	PORNOGRAPHY	1		
BOMB THREAT	1	POWEROUTAGE	28		
BUSINESS CHECK	15613	PROJECT LIFESAVER	30		
CHECKING DETAIL	3	PROTECTIVE ORDER	107		
CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT	7	PROWLER	8		
CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT ISSUE	35	PSYCH/ABNORMAL BEHAV/SUICIDE ATTEMPT	129		
CITIZEN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE	1966	PURSUIT	7		
CIVIL MATTER	90	RAPE	4		
COMMUNITY/DIRECTED PATROL	604	RECKLESS OPERATOR	352		
COUNTERFEIT	2	ROAD HAZARD	214		
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	125	ROBBERY	4		
DEER VS. VEHICLE	87	RUNAWAY	6		
DISABLED / ABANDONED VEHICLE	272	SCHOOL POLICING	163		
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	65	SEARCH	20		
DOA	171	SEXUAL ASSAULT	17		
DOMESTIC	239	SHOP LIFTING	4		
DROWNING	6	SHOTS FIRED / WEAPONS OFFENSE	84		
DRUG VIOLATION	65	SPECIAL / DIRECTED ASSIGNMENT	208		
FIGHT	84	STABBING	2		
FIRE RELATED CALLS	286	STALKING	7		
FINGERPRINTING	133	STRAY LIVESTOCK / PETS	23		
FIREWORKS VIOLATION	40	SUICIDE	3		
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	573	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE/ACTIVITY	724		
FOLLOW UP CALLS OR STATUS UPDATE	750	THREATS	108		
FOUND PROPERTY	91	TRAFFIC CONTROL	89		
FRAUD	185	TRAFFIC STOP	3898		
FUNERAL TRAFFIC	49	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	12		
GENERAL INFORMATION REQUEST	42	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	315		
HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS	35	TRAILER INSPECTION	2		
		TRANSPORT	161		

These calls for service were processed through the Sheriff's Office dispatch center in 2021. The information at left represents the initial complaint classification and may not reflect the final disposition of the call.

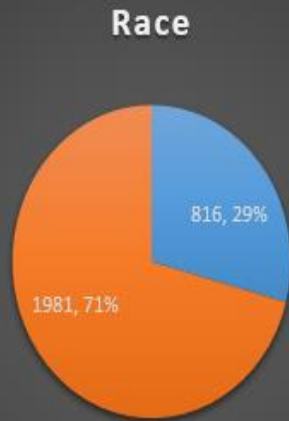
Summons and Warnings Issued During Traffic Stop

52-30.2 of the Code of Virginia was passed in 2020 that requires all law enforcement agencies to collect specific information about the traffic stop that includes race/gender of the vehicle driver. The data on this page reflects a selection of the information collected.

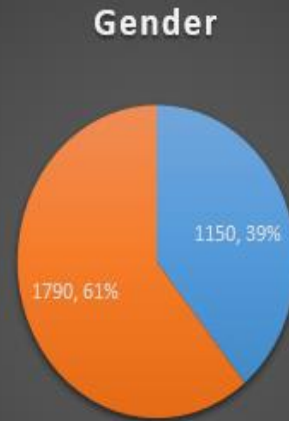
The charts below represent the number of traffic encounters occurring in 2021, where a summons or warning were issued. The chart breaks down the race/gender of the vehicle operator and the number where a summons/warning were issued.

For clarity, the abbreviations in the chart are explained here;

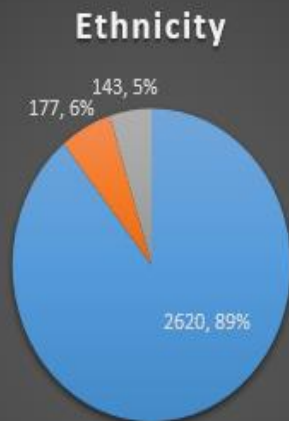
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- B — Black
- A — Asian
- U — Unknown



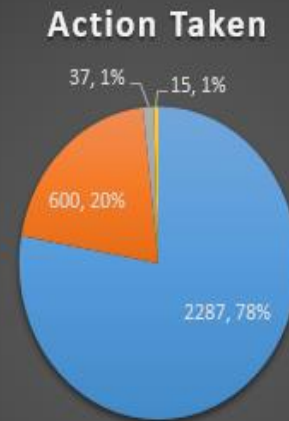
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■ Female ■ Male



■ Non-Hispanic ■ Hispanic ■ Unknown



■ Summons ■ Warning ■ Arrest ■ No Action Taken

2021 Traffic Stop Data



