



Operations Report 2022





Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is with great pride that I present the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for the year 2022. This marks my fifteenth 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.

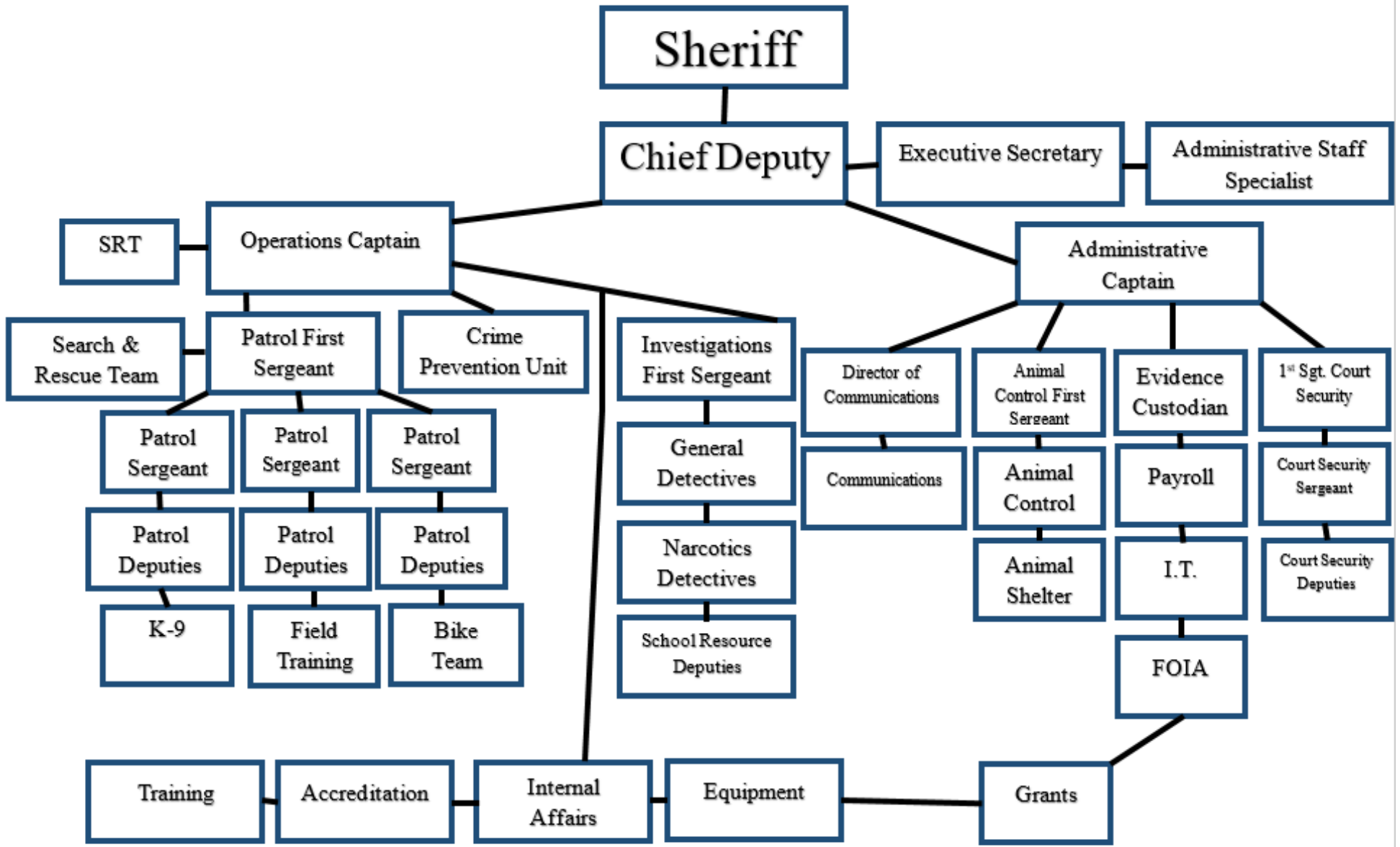
As you read through the 2022 Annual Report, you will better understand the function and organizational structure of the sheriff's office. I assure you that we will continue our efforts to better serve you, the community. We will strive to achieve our mission, vision, and values by being one of the most effective and efficient sheriff's office in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff

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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 2022 with the next audit scheduled for May of 2026.

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. 74.79 pounds were collected and disposed of in 2022.

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 Thursday, August 18, 2022, 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 Monday, November 21, 2022 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 thirty three children with clothing items, toys and a Subway gift card as part of the annual Shop with the Sheriff. Sheriff's office personnel conducted the shopping on Monday, December 5th at the Walmart Supercenter, Central Park. On Monday, December 19th the children and family members arrived at the sheriff's office to pick up the wrapped gifts. Santa was also on hand to greet and take photos with each child.

Being able to provide children these Christmas presents is what makes Shop with the Sheriff so special and meaningful for all involved. To see the smiles, tears and to witness the heartfelt thanks from the youngsters as well as the adults is what it is all about. I want to give a special thank you to all of those that made donations. Without your support, thoughtfulness and generosity, this event would not take place. Again, many thanks!!

National Night Out Draws Large and Enthusiastic Crowd



Thank you to all who came out to National Night Out. It was so exciting to see so many people join as a community to share in fellowship and enjoy the evening's festivities. I also want to thank the businesses and agencies to include their personnel for providing the displays as well as the live entertainment from Hard To Tell Band. A special thank you Stan's Skateland, Los Portales, Carry-On Trailer and C&F Bank for their sponsorships. This event would not be possible without the support, involvement and generosity of all involved.

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 24 Crime Prevention/Community Relations presentations in 2022. There were 578 citizens in attendance during the presentations, which covered the topics of golf cart safety, crime prevention, and traffic safety.

Group A Offenses 2022	Group A Offenses Total
MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	4
SEX OFFENSES (FORCIBLE)	7
SEX OFFENSES (NON FORCIBLE)	5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	24
SIMPLE ASSAULT	103
INTIMIDATION	6
ARSON	2
BRIBERY	0
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	9
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	7
DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	57
EMBEZZLEMENT	2
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	1
FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	17
CREDIT CARD/ATM FRAUD	1
IMPERSONATION	0
WELFARE FRAUD	2
IDENTITY THEFT	8
ROBBERY	1
SHOPLIFTING	1
THEFT FROM BUILDING	3
THEFT FROM COIN MACHINE-DEVICE	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2
THEFT OF MV PARTS	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	67
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	5
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1
DRUGS/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	42
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	1
PORNOGRAPHY/ OBSCENE MATERIAL	8
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	14
ANIMAL CRUELTY	3

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 2022.*

GROUP B OFFENSE 2022	TOTAL ARRESTS
BAD CHECKS	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	55
DRUNKENNESS	17
FAMILY OFFENSES (NON VIOLENT)	1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0
RUNAWAY	0
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	5
CONSPIRE TO COMMIT GROUP A OFF	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	146

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 2022.

*Records source IBR submissions to VSP

Offense	2022
MURDER/ MANSLAUGHTER	2
RAPE	7
SODOMY	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	0
ROBBERY	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	89
INTIMIDATION / HARASSMENT	6
ARSON	2
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	9
SHOPLIFTING	0
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	3
LARCENY FROM VEHICLE	2
LARCENY PARTS /ACC FROM VEHICLE	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	67
VEHICLE THEFT	5
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	7
FRAUD (FALSE PRETENSE, SWINDLE)	17
FRAUD (CREDIT CARD, ATM)	1
IMPERSONATION	0
FRAUD BY WIRE	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	2
RECEIVE / POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	1
DAMAGE PROPERTY	57
DRUG NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	42
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	8
BRIBERY	0
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	14
ANIMAL CRUELTY	3
BAD CHECKS	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	55
DRUNKENNESS	17
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0
RUNAWAY	0
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	5
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	146

**2022
Group Offenses**

The numbers represented on these pages are the total offenses reported to Westmoreland Sheriff's Office in 2022. 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.

2022 Drug Enforcement

In 2022 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 — 269 grams
Fentanyl --- 20.4 grams
Eutylone (Salts) — 22.8 grams
Crystal Meth (ICE) — 5.5 grams
Adderall --- 1 dosage unit



Traffic Summons Issued in 2022

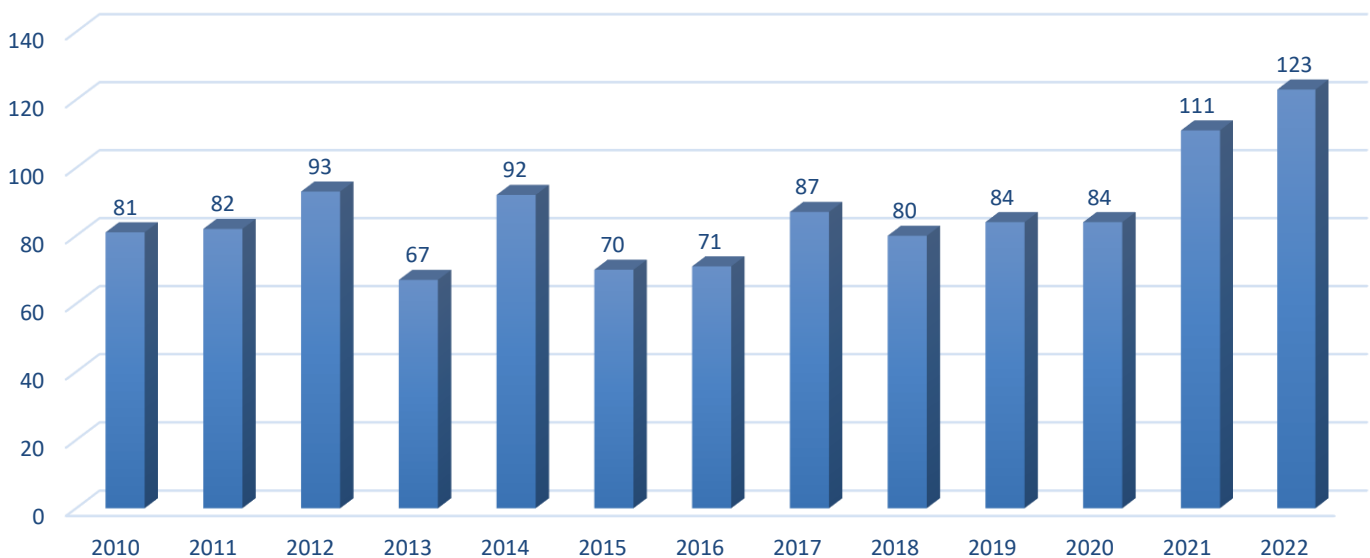
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	27
Failure to Secure Child	23
Reckless Driving	95
Illegal Window Tint	0
Driving Suspended/revoked	64
Expired State Inspection	115
Expired Registration	77
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	105
No Operator License	84
Fail to Yield Right of Way	1
Eluding	2
Improper Equipment	20
Improper Registration	22
No Liability Insurance	7
No Inspection Sticker	9
Speeding	2342
All other Traffic Offense	598

The chart at left represents the traffic summonses issued by the Sheriff's Office in 2022.

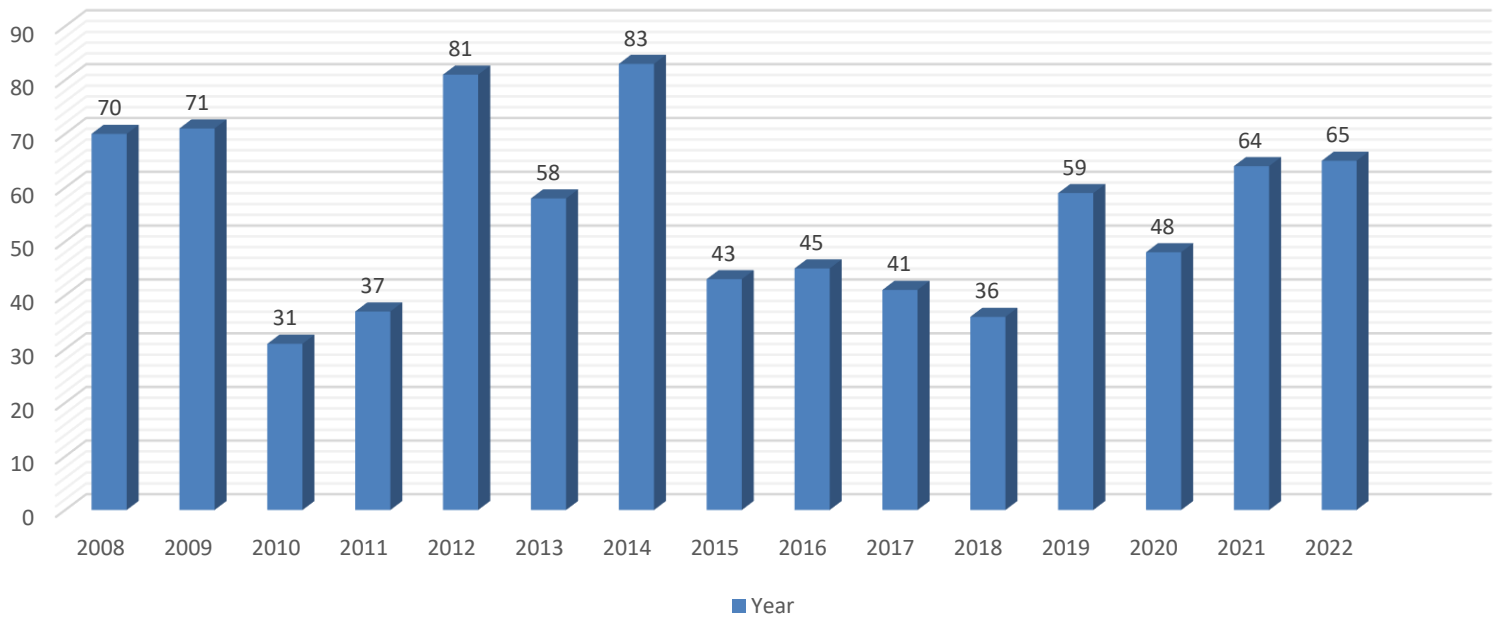


Accident Investigations

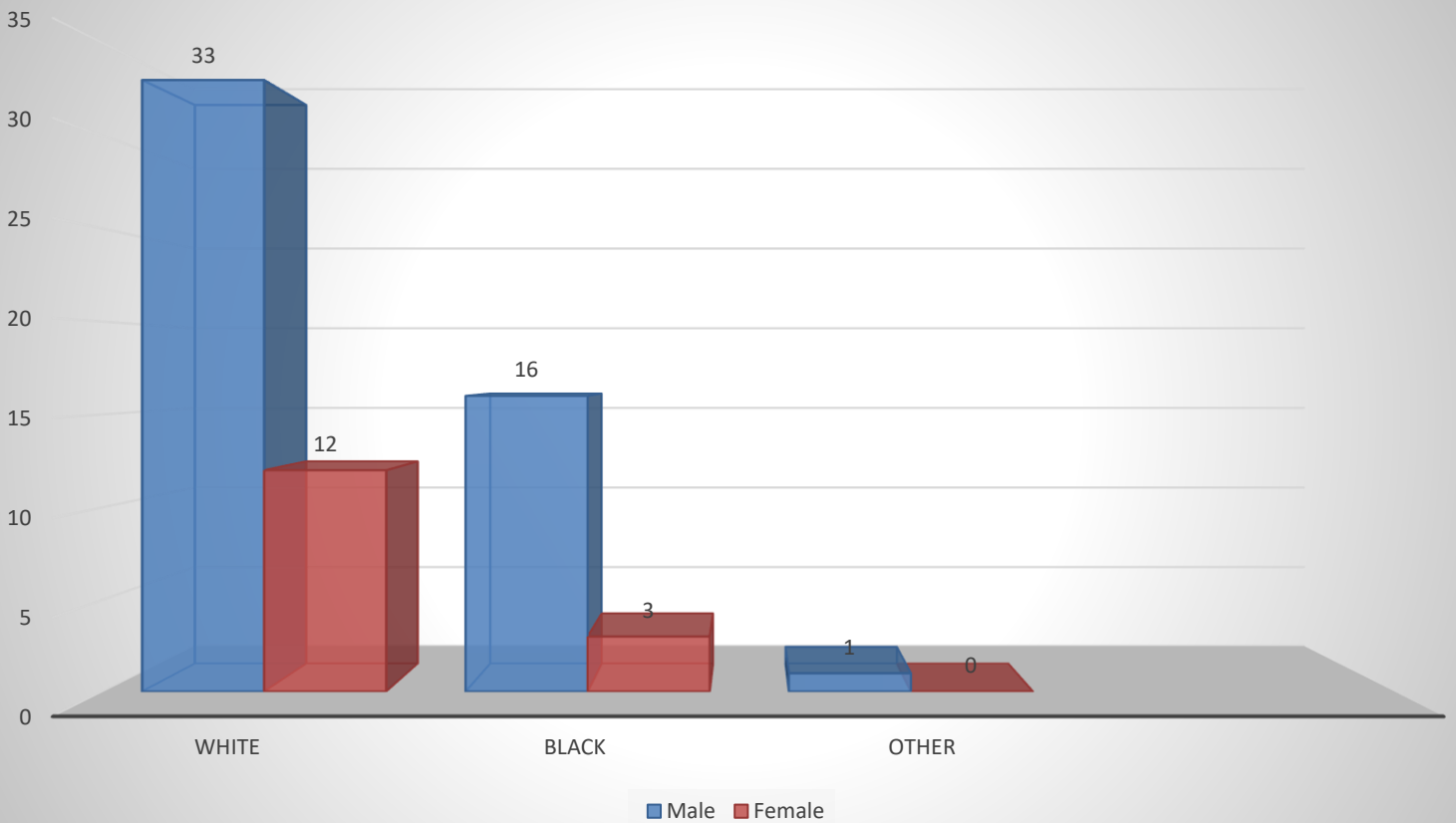
Accidents Worked Each Year



DUI Arrests 2008 to 2022



DUI Arrests 2022 by Race/Gender



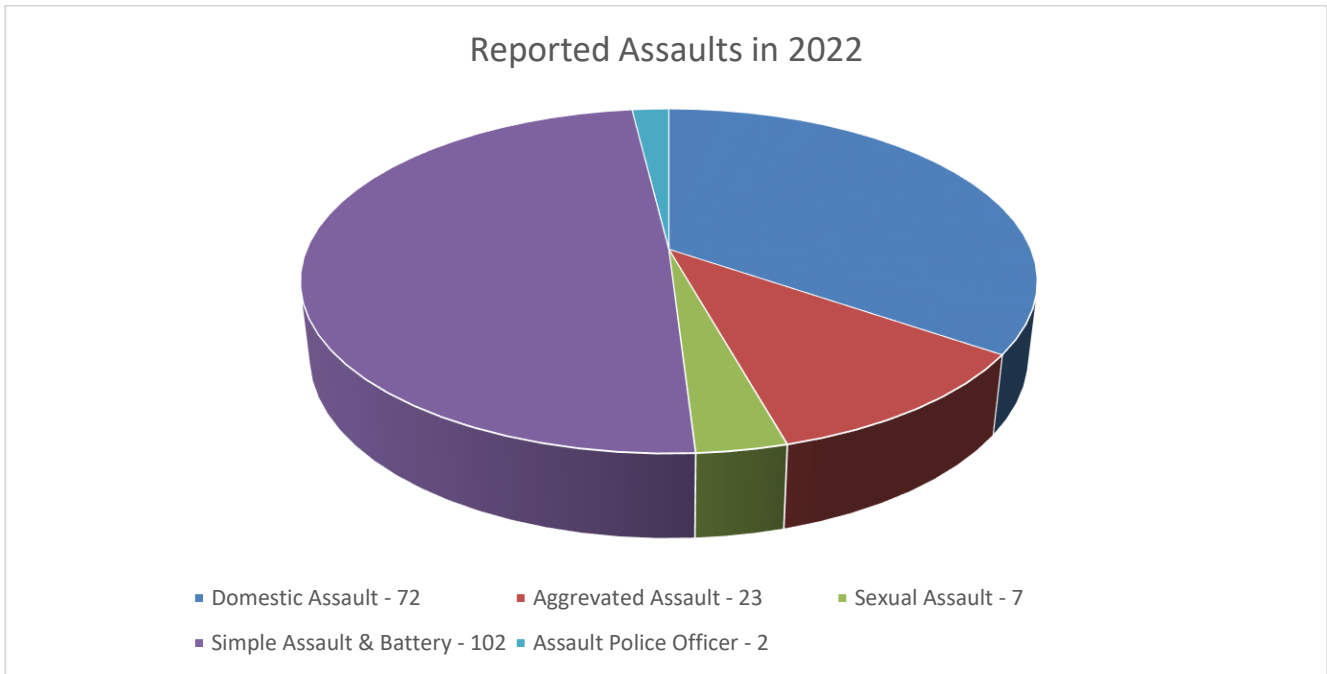
Arrest Statistics

The data below represents the total arrests for each offense in 2022. The data does not indicate the number of incidents, just the number of arrests per offense.

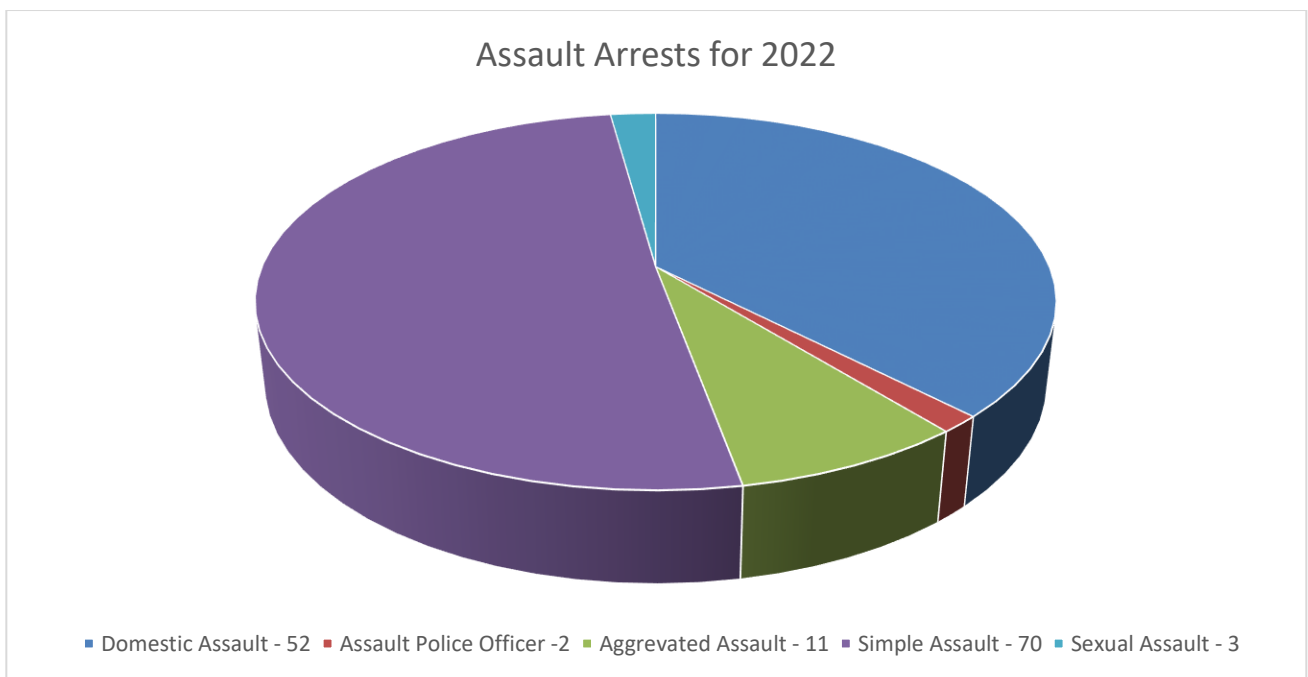
Offense	2022
Murder	2
Rape	1
Sodomy	1
Sexual Assault with Object	1
Aggravated Assault	8
Simple Assault	65
Intimidation	3
Extortion/Blackmail	0
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	2
Shoplifting	0
Theft from Building	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0
All Other Larceny	6
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0
Embezzlement	1
Stolen Property Offenses	1
Damage, Vandalism to Property	6
Drug/Narcotic Violations	28
Drug Equipment Violations	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	2
Bribery	0
Weapon Law Violations	2
Animal Cruelty	1
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 2022



The chart above represents the number of assaults reported in 2022. 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
2022	191	4,397

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
2022	2,417	30,126

Civil Papers Served

Paper Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Paper Type not specified		2				
Admins. Support Order	5	9	4	9	9	9
Advance Notice of Lien	21					
Emergency Removal Order	4		3		1	6
DMV Notice		111	111	74	106	99
Domestic Violence Protective Order						
ECO	11	12	11	13	12	13
Emergency Protective Order	278	271	271	236	328	328
Employer's Income Deduction Order for Support						
Eviction Notice	80	56	64	27	18	31
Garnishment Summons	248	250	297	178	211	240
Information						
Jury Summons	483	672	816	383	352	412
Juvenile Petitions/Summons	412	706	944	893	745	624
Motion for Judgment	4	3	2	3	1	1
Motion Order to Amend	96	14	8	6	8	48
Notice	374	328	427	309	260	308
Notice of Appeal	3	7		1	1	2
Notice of Depositions			1			
Notice of Hearing	175	102	67	347	85	89
Notice of Seizure	2		1	1		
Order of Attachment					1	1
Payroll Deduction Order						
Petition for Support	3					
Petition	224	36	32	31	90	77
Preliminary Protective Order-Family Abuse	174	222	212	192	189	247
Protective Order - Family Abuse	74	39	54	61	45	70
Show Cause Summons	246	201	208	90	131	97
Subpoena	356	303	304	243	276	190
Subpoena Duces Tecum	40	21	24	16	17	19
Subpoena for Witness	1408	1432	1569	1,442	1411	1642
Summons Answer Interrogatories	45	24	28	13	15	18
Summons for Unlawful Detainer	293	258	259	150	95	134
TDO	25	24	30	31	35	31
Trespass Notice	81	48	56	42	40	38
Warrant In Debt	499	493	608	322	361	321
Warrant In Detinue	37	35	22	17	17	27
Writ of Execution	1	1			1	
Writ of Fieri Facias	6	6	8	8	7	5
Writ of Possession	76	73	70	23	11	20
Writ of Possession/Fieri Facias	3				1	

Dispatch Calls for Service

911 hang up	1610	HIGH WATER / FLOODING	16	TREE DOWN	184
ABDUCTION		HUNTING-FISHING VIOLATION	13	TRESPASSING	126
ALARM	461	ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITERING	20	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	11
ANIMAL BITES/ATTACKS	77	INDECENT EXPOSURE	5	VEHICLE THEFT	15
ANIMAL CONTROL (NOT ATTACKS)	965	INTOXICATED SUBJECT	34	WARRANTS / WANTED PERSONS	596
ANIMAL CRUELTY	16	INVESTIGATION	9	WELFARE / SECURITY CHECK	2960
ANIMAL IN ROAD	90	JUVENILE ISSUE	57		
ANIMAL INTRUSION	44	K-9 USAGE	32		
ANIMAL WILDLIFE CALL NOT ATTACKS	110	LARCENY	171		
DAMAGE TO ANIMAL / LIVESTOCK	8	LOITERING	4		
FOUND ANIMAL	115	LOST PROPERTY	42		
MISSING ANIMAL	49	MEDICAL CALL	4569		
STRAY DOG	254	MISSING PERSON	30		
ASSAULT & BATTERY	74	NOISE COMPLAINT	77		
ASSIST MOTORIST	2	OFF ROAD VEHICLES	51		
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCY	187	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	19		
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	243	OTHER	1070		
B&E	29	PANIC ALARM	18		
BOAT IN DISTRESS	14	PAPER SERVICE	3731		
BOAT ACCIDENT	1	PARKING VIOLATION	204		
B O L	74	PORNOGRAPHY	13		
BOMB THREAT	1	POWEROUTAGE	9		
BUSINESS CHECK	1265	PROJECT LIFESAVER	27		
CHECKING DETAIL	20	PROTECTIVE ORDER	109		
CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT	13	PROWLER	6		
CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT ISSUE	41	PSYCH/ABNORMAL BEHAV/SUICIDE ATTEMPT	150		
CITIZEN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE	1985	PURSUIT	6		
CIVIL MATTER	154	RAPE	4		
COMMUNITY/DIRECTED PATROL	724	RECKLESS OPERATOR	391		
COUNTERFEIT	6	ROAD HAZARD	221		
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	123	ROBBERY	2		
DEER VS. VEHICLE	96	RUNAWAY	4		
DISABLED / ABANDONED VEHICLE	304	SCHOOL POLICING	449		
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	167	SEARCH WARRANT	21		
DOA	120	SEXUAL ASSAULT	23		
DOMESTIC	236	SHOP LIFTING	0		
DROWNING	1	SHOTS FIRED / WEAPONS OFFENSE	55		
DRUG VIOLATION	42	SPECIAL / DIRECTED ASSIGNMENT	252		
FIGHT	41	STABBING	1		
FIRE RELATED CALLS	339	STALKING	8		
FINGERPRINTING	225	STRAY LIVESTOCK / PETS	19		
FIREWORKS VIOLATION	15	SUICIDE	2		
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	727	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE/ACTIVITY	441		
FOLLOW UP CALLS OR STATUS UPDATE	742	THREATS	96		
FOUND PROPERTY	84	TRAFFIC CONTROL	62		
FRAUD	123	TRAFFIC STOP	3879		
FUNERAL TRAFFIC	61	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	12		
GENERAL INFORMATION REQUEST	64	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	331		
HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS	62	TRAILER INSPECTION	3		
		TRANSPORT	152		

These calls for service were processed through the Sheriff's Office dispatch center in 2022. 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 2022, 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;

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

