



Operations Report 2020



Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is with great pride that I present the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office Annual Report for the year 2020. This marks my thirteenth 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.

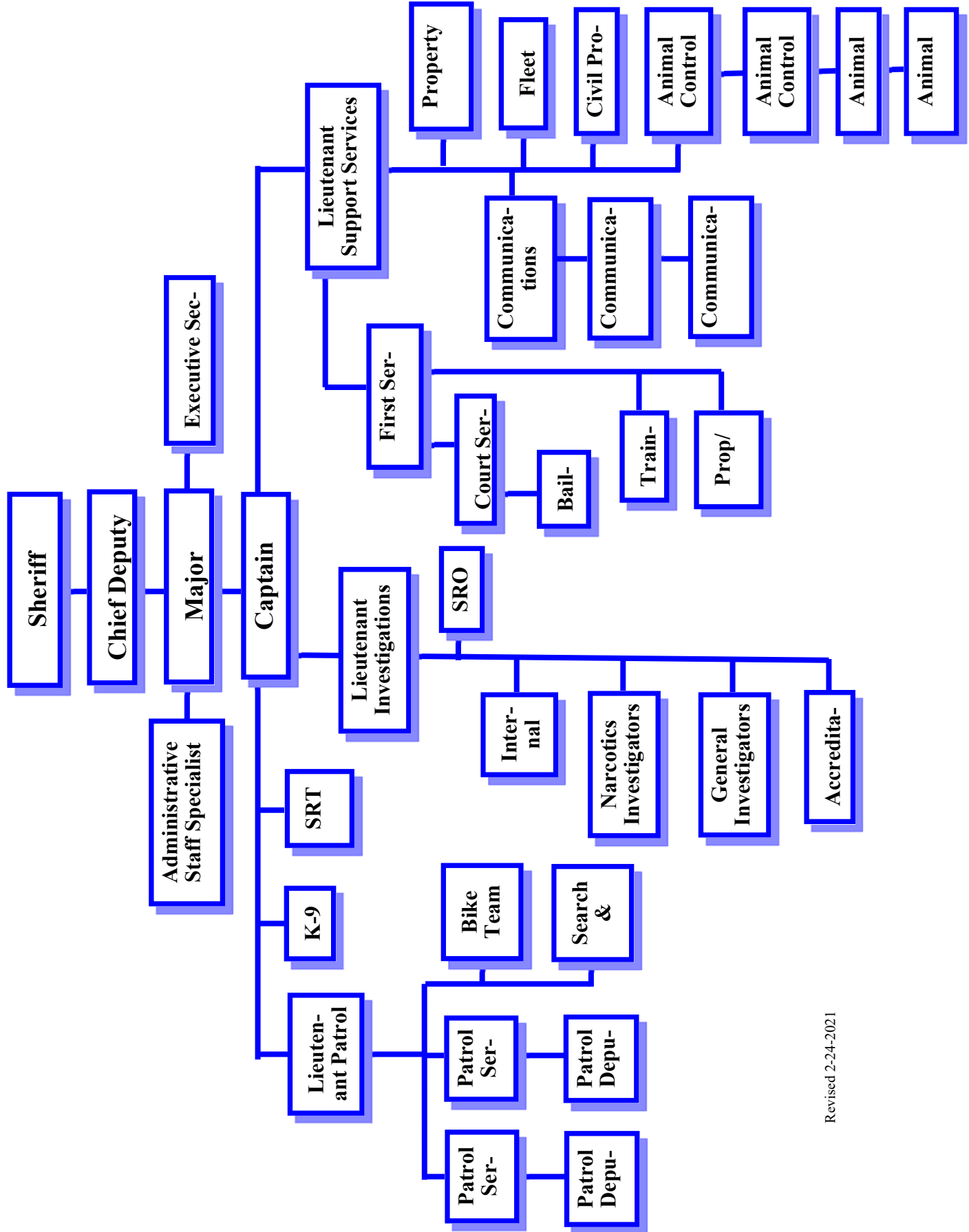
As you read through the 2020 Annual Report, you will better understand the function and organizational structure of the sheriff's office. I assure you that we will continue our efforts to better serve you, the community. We will strive to achieve our mission, vision, and values by being one of the most 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 Sheriffs 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 190 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. 38.6 pounds were collected and disposed of in 2020.

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.



Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Scholarships Awarded

On behalf of the Virginia Sheriff's Institute (VSI), I have the privilege to announce the awarding of scholarships to Ms. Ireland A. Douglas and Ms. Emily G. Holden. I am extremely proud and thrilled to congratulate both recipients for receiving these scholarships to assist in furthering their education. Both have received VSI scholarships for two consecutive years. Ms. Douglas will be a senior attending Liberty University and Ms. Holden will be a sophomore attending Shenandoah University.

VSI awarded 68 scholarships totaling \$67,000 to students across the state who are pursuing a degree in criminal justice while attending a Virginia college or university. Full time students received \$1,000 scholarships and part time students \$500 scholarships.

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff

**Note: Picture used is from the 2019 Scholarship Awards*
Pictured (left to Right) - Ms. Ireland A. Douglas, Sheriff C.O. Balderson and Ms. Emily G. Holden*



Thank You from the Sheriff's Office

As we move forward through COVID-19, I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Westmoreland County Sheriffs Office to thank those who have and continuously check on sheriff's office personnel as well as donating items to include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

A special thank you to Missey Collins for personally making reusable facial masks which not only protects sheriff's office personnel, but the community as well. Words alone can't express my deepest appreciation for all of the support, thoughtfulness and generosity.

C.O. Balderson, Sheriff

Pictured (left to Right) - Tom Collins, Owner/General Manager of Northern Neck Chevrolet and Deputy William B. England, III



VFW Thanks Law Enforcement

To recognize law enforcement personnel for their efforts, ladies of the VFW in King George provided a wonderful lunch for the sheriff's office staff in May 2020. We thank Ms. Stephanie Young and Ms. Chris Buck for providing the meal and we all appreciate their kind gesture during the trying times of 2020.

Pictured left to right: 1st Sergeant Molinares, Ms. Stephanie Young, Ms. Chris Buck, and Lieutenant Darby

**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.



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. Its 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



Community Presentations



The Sheriff's Office did not conduct any Crime Prevention/Community Relations presentations in 2020. due to the COVID restrictions.

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 2020.*

Group A Offenses 2020	Group A Offenses Total
MURDER/NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0
SEX OFFENSES (FORCIBLE)	5
SEX OFFENSES (NON FORCIBLE)	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	69
INTIMIDATION	5
ARSON	1
BRIBERY	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	21
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	2
DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	54
EMBEZZLEMENT	1
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	2
FALSE PRETENSE/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE	4
CREDIT CARD/ATM FRAUD	2
IMPERSONATION	6
WELFARE FRAUD	0
Wire Fraud	1
ROBBERY	1
SHOPLIFTING	5
THEFT FROM BUILDING	12
THEFT FROM COIN MACHINE-DEVICE	0
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	10
THEFT OF MV PARTS	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	38
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	8
DRUGS/NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	167
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	6
PORNOGRAPHY/ OBSCENE MATERIAL	3
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	18
ANIMAL CRUELTY	1

GROUP B OFFENSE 2020	TOTAL ARRESTS
BAD CHECKS	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	47
DRUNKENNESS	13
FAMILY OFFENSES (NON VIOLENT)	6
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	6
RUNAWAY	0
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	8
CONSPIRE TO COMMIT GROUP A OFF	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	141

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 2020.

*Records source IBR submissions to VSP

Offense	2020
MURDER/ MANSLAUGHTER	2
RAPE	4
SODOMY	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	1
ROBBERY	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	10
SIMPLE ASSAULT	75
INTIMIDATION / HARASSMENT	5
ARSON	1
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	2
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	22
SHOPLIFTING	5
LARCENY FROM BUILDING	13
LARCENY FROM VEHICLE	11
LARCENY PARTS /ACC FROM VEHICLE	4
ALL OTHER LARCENY	49
VEHICLE THEFT	4
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	2
FRAUD (FALSE PRETENSE, SWINDLE)	4
FRAUD (CREDIT CARD, ATM)	2
IMPERSONATION	6
FRAUD BY WIRE	1
EMBEZZLEMENT	1
RECEIVE / POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	8
DAMAGE PROPERTY	55
DRUG NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	197
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	6
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	3
BRIBERY	1
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	32
ANIMAL CRUELTY	2
BAD CHECKS	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	48
DRUNKENNESS	18
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT	15
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	12
RUNAWAY	4
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	11
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	355

2020 Group Offenses

The numbers represented on these pages are the total offenses reported to Westmoreland Sheriff's Office in 2020. 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.

2020 Drug Enforcement

In 2020 there were a total of 197 narcotics offenses reported in Westmoreland County. These and older investigations resulted in 143 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 2020 were predominantly Cocaine, and Marijuana.



Cocaine	— 262 grams
Eutylone (Salts)	— 65 grams
Oxycodone	— 50 dosage units
Crystal Meth (ICE)	— 61.74 grams
Marijuana	— 168 grams
Heroin	— 38.2 grams



Traffic Citations Issued in 2020

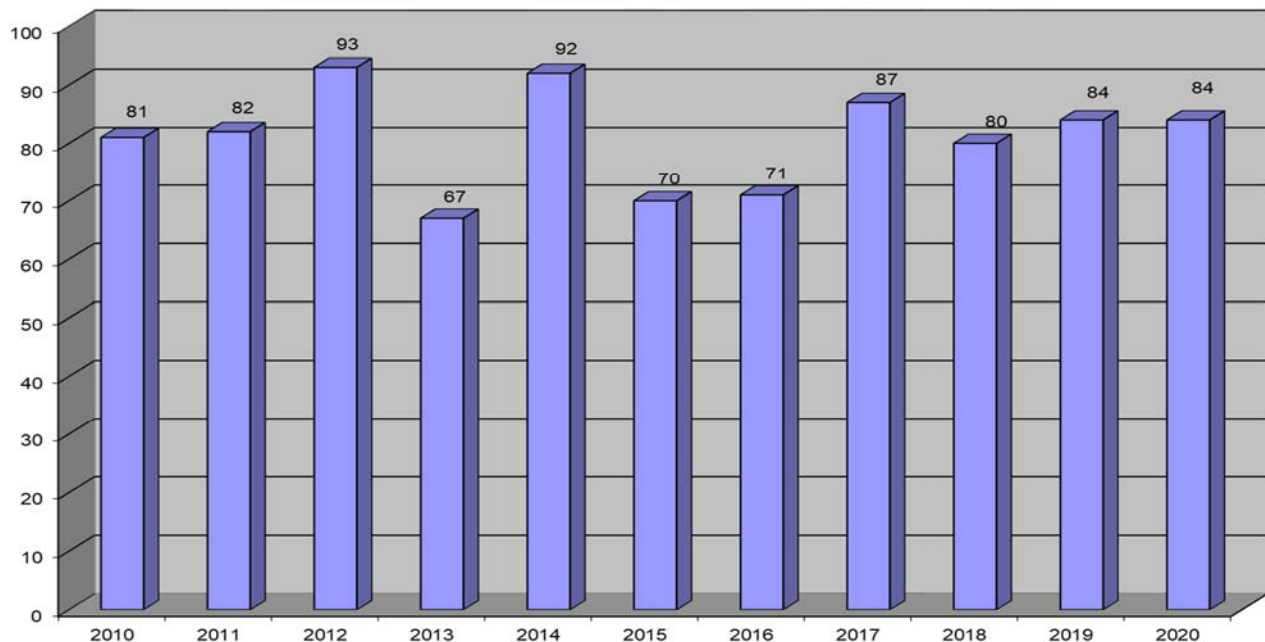
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	28
Failure to Secure Child	39
Reckless Driving	143
Illegal Window Tint	70
Driving Suspended/revoked	45
Expired State Inspection	236
Expired Registration	21
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	72
No Operator License	84
Fail to Yield Right of Way	10
Improper Stopping	1
Improper Equipment	131
Improper Registration	26
No Liability Insurance	12
No Inspection Sticker	54
Speeding	1,483
All other Traffic Offense	214

The chart at left represents the traffic citations issued by the Sheriff's Office in 2020.

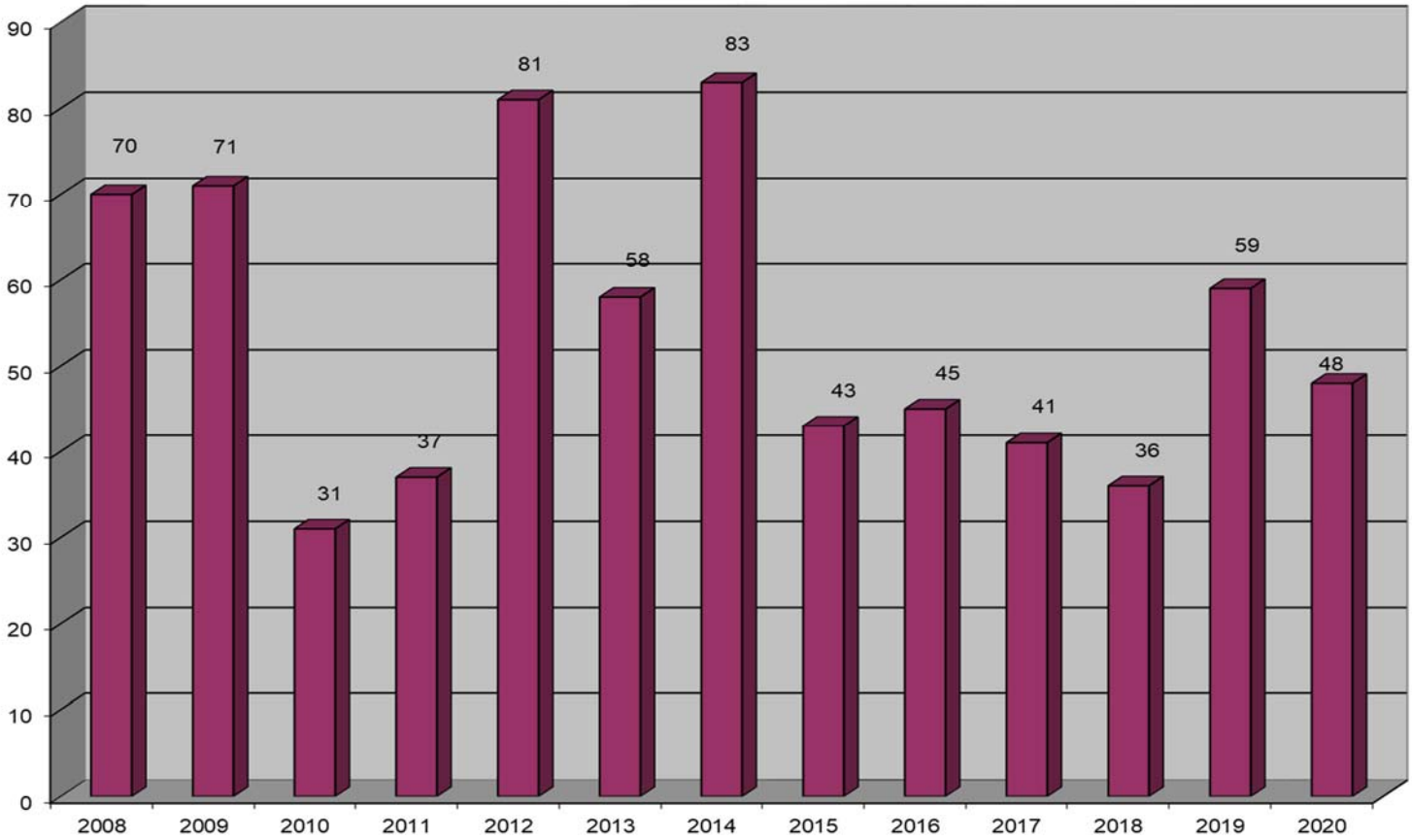


Accident Investigations

Accidents Worked Each Year

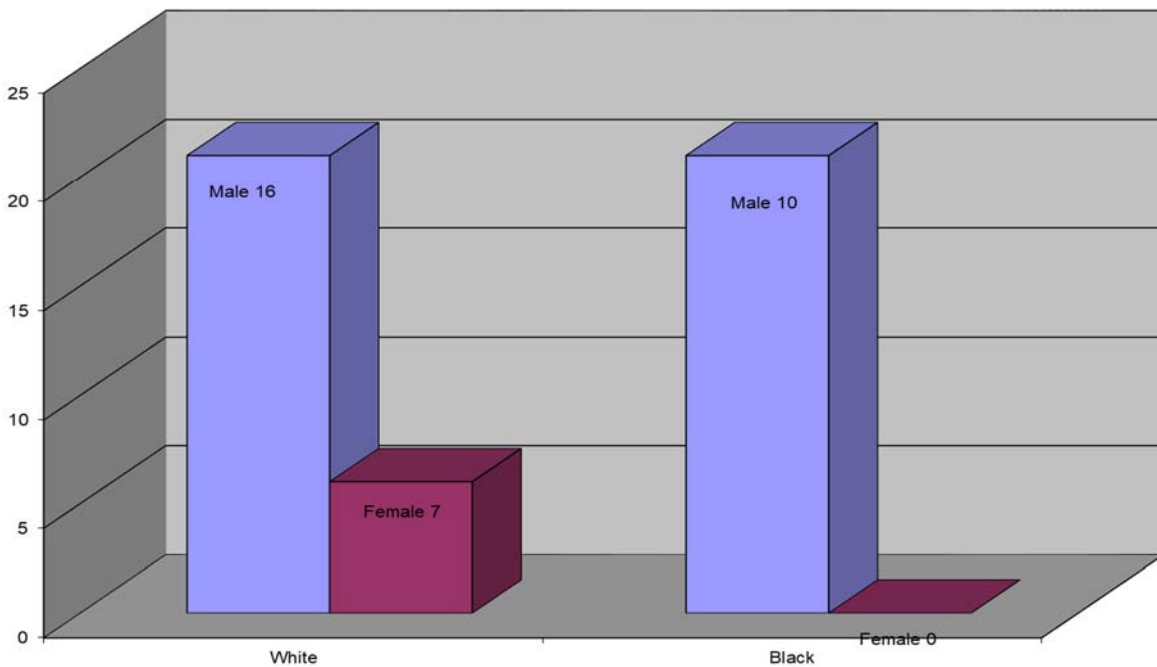


DUI Arrests 2008 to 2020



DUI Arrests 2020 by Race/Gender

DUI Arrests in 2020



Arrest Statistics

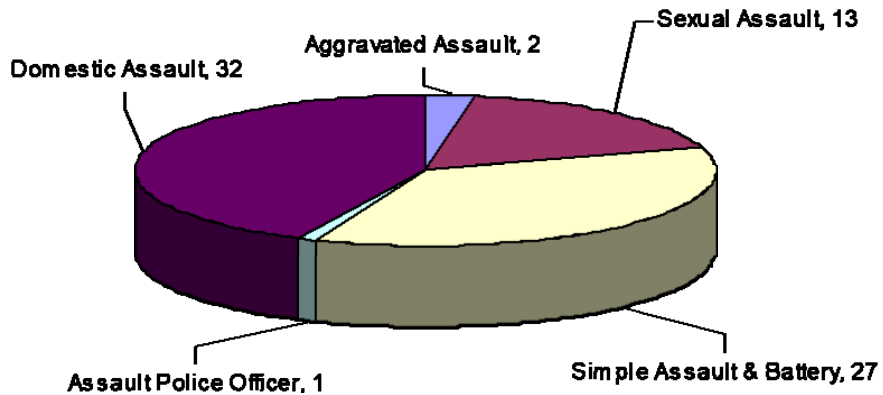
The data below represents the total arrests for each offense in 2020. The data does not indicate the number of incidents, just the number of arrests per offense.

Offense	2020
Murder	1
Rape	1
Sodomy	1
Sexual Assault with Object	1
Aggravated Assault	7
Simple Assault	49
Intimidation	2
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	7
Shoplifting	1
Theft from Building	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
All Other Larceny	16
Counterfeiting/Forgery	2
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1
Embezzlement	1
Stolen Property Offenses	5
Damage, Vandalism to Property	9
Drug/Narcotic Violations	138
Drug Equipment Violations	2
Pornography/Obscene Material	1
Bribery	1
Weapon Law Violations	23
Animal Cruelty	1
Bad Checks	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Driving Under the Influence	48
Drunkenness	14
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	6
Liquor Law Violations	6
Trespass of Real Property	9
All Other Offenses	145



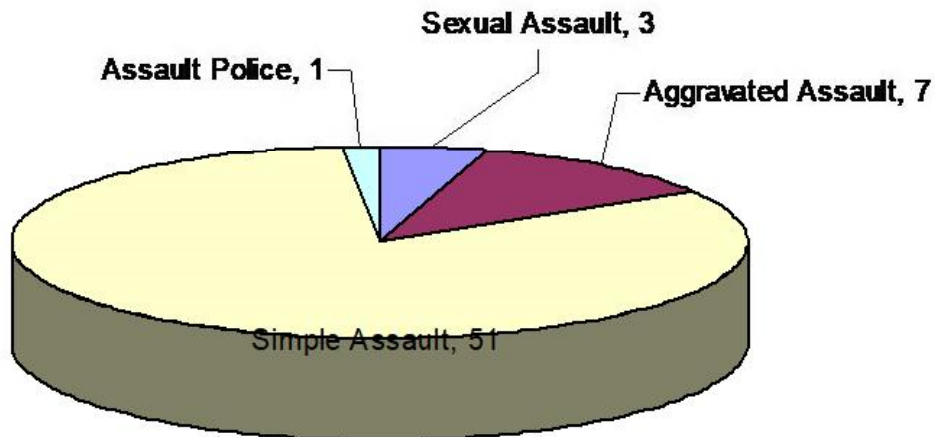
Reported Assaults in 2020

Reported Assaults 2020



The chart above represents the number of assaults reported in 2020. The chart below represents the number of arrests made for assault offenses.

Assault Arrests for 2020



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	3925

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

Civil Papers Served

Paper Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Paper Type not specified	11	7		2		
Admins. Support Order	12	9	5	9	4	9
Advance Notice of Lien	32	28	21			
Emergency Removal Order	6		4		3	
DMV Notice	113	112		111	111	74
Domestic Violence Protective Order		1				
ECO	8	4	11	12	11	13
Emergency Protective Order	217	275	278	271	271	236
Emergency Removal Order		10	4	2		3
Employer's Income Deduction Order for Support	2					
Eviction Notice	40	100	80	56	64	27
Garnishment Summons	255	239	248	250	297	178
Information	2					
Jury Summons	540	792	483	672	816	383
Juvenile Petitions/Summons	594	765	412	706	944	893
Motion for Judgment	9	1	4	3	2	3
Motion Order to Amend	114	21	96	14	8	6
Notice	333	451	374	328	427	309
Notice of Appeal	3	5	3	7		1
Notice of Depositions	1				1	
Notice of Hearing	115	85	175	102	67	347
Notice of Seizure	8	1	2		1	1
Order of Attachment						
Payroll Deduction Order		2				
Petition for Support			3			
Petition	229	132	224	36	32	31
Preliminary Protective Order-Family Abuse	112	186	174	222	212	192
Protective Order - Family Abuse	62	43	74	39	54	61
Show Cause Summons	305	278	246	201	208	90
Subpoena	552	431	356	303	304	243
Subpoena Duces Tecum	31	30	40	21	24	16
Subpoena for Witness	1244	1401	1408	1432	1569	1,442
Summons Answer Interrogatories	51	45	45	24	28	13
Summons for Unlawful Detainer	234	263	293	258	259	150
TDO	29	23	25	24	30	31
Trespass Notice	62	79	81	48	56	42
Warrant In Debt	509	480	499	493	608	322
Warrant In Detinue	48	53	37	35	22	17
Writ of Execution	1		1	1		
Writ of Fieri Facias	13	12	6	6	8	8
Writ of Possession	16	64	76	73	70	23
Writ of Possession/Fieri Facias	6	3	3			

911 hang up	159	HIGH WATER / FLOODING	6	TREE DOWN	61
ABDUCTION		HUNTING-FISHING VIOLATION	8	TRESPASSING	82
ALARM	287	ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITERING	13	UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	5
ANIMAL BITES/ATTACKS	19	INDECENT EXPOSURE	12	VEHICLE THEFT	16
ANIMAL CONTROL (NOT ATTACKS)		INTOXICATED SUBJECT	15	WARRANTS / WANTED PERSONS	651
ANIMAL CRUELTY	9	INVESTIGATION	7	WELFARE / SECURITY CHECK	17,312
ANIMAL IN ROAD	30	JUVENILE ISSUE	27		
ANIMAL INTRUSION	10	K-9 USAGE	39		
ANIMAL WILDLIFE CALL NOT ATTACKS	35	LARCENY	104		
DAMAGE TO ANIMAL / LIVESTOCK	1	LOITERING			
FOUND ANIMAL	20	LOST PROPERTY	10		
MISSING ANIMAL	5	MEDICAL CALL	177		
STRAY DOG	56	MISSING PERSON	27		
ASSAULT & BATTERY	53	NOISE COMPLAINT	69		
ASSIST MOTORIST	5	OFF ROAD VEHICLES	74		
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCY	64	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	7		
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	120	OTHER	207		
B&E	35	PANIC ALARM	42		
BOAT IN DISTRESS	3	PAPER SERVICE	3,781		
BOAT ACCIDENT		PARKING VIOLATION	32		
B O L	29	PORNOGRAPHY			
BOMB THREAT	1	POWEROUTAGE	5		
BUSINESS CHECK	504	PROJECT LIFESAVER	78		
CHECKING DETAIL	3	PROTECTIVE ORDER	64		
CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT	2	PROWLER	10		
CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT ISSUE	26	PSYCH/ABNORMAL BEHAV/SUICIDE ATTEMPT	90		
CITIZEN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE	1,298	PURSUIT	4		
CIVIL MATTER	50	RAPE	3		
COMMUNITY/DIRECTED PATROL	518	RECKLESS OPERATOR	217		
COUNTERFEIT	3	ROAD HAZARD	144		
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	90	ROBBERY	2		
DEER VS. VEHICLE	63	RUNAWAY	9		
DISABLED / ABANDONED VEHICLE	223	SCHOOL POLICING	41		
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	65	SEARCH	14		
DOA	18	SEXUAL ASSAULT	15		
DOMESTIC	122	SHOP LIFTING	6		
DROWNING		SHOTS FIRED / WEAPONS OFFENSE	71		
DRUG VIOLATION	74	SPECIAL / DIRECTED ASSIGNMENT	50		
FIGHT	27	STABBING	2		
FIRE RELATED CALLS	64	STALKING	4		
FINGERPRINTING	45	STRAY LIVESTOCK / PETS	22		
FIREWORKS VIOLATION	8	SUICIDE	1		
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	366	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE/ACTIVITY	420		
FOLLOW UP CALLS OR STATUS UPDATE	462	THREATS	76		
FOUND PROPERTY	33	TRAFFIC CONTROL	16		
FRAUD	111	TRAFFIC STOP	3,254		
FUNERAL TRAFFIC	26	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	129		
GENERAL INFORMATION REQUEST	19	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	229		
HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS	37	TRAILER INSPECTION	3		
		TRANSPORT	135		

These calls for service were processed through the Sheriff's Office dispatch center in 2020. 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 chart below represents the number of traffic encounters occurring between July and December 2020 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. Columns in blue represent a summons issued and the columns in purple represent a warning was made in lieu of a summons.

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

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

Traffic Encounters resulting in Summons or Warning

