



2023

LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF ANGELA M. GREENE
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Message from the Chief

ANGELA M. GREENE

CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my distinct honor to share with you the 2023 annual report for the City of Lexington, Virginia police department. This report will highlight the continued phenomenal work the dedicated women and men of this police department perform on a routine basis to maintain the safety and security of all residents, visitors, business owners, and collegiate students, within our beautiful and historic city.



While the City of Lexington is known for its serene panoramic mountain views, we are also known for our quaint and vibrant downtown area which warmly hosts students attending Virginia Military Institute as well as Washington & Lee University. More importantly, due to the tireless commitment of our police officers and civilian staff, working in tandem with our community members, we continue to rank within the top tier of safest cities in Virginia. The men and women of this police department honorably safeguards this community through consistent civic engagement, proactive and innovative crime prevention methods, as well as strategic crime suppression tactics, that we routinely review and strive to improve for an enhanced quality of life for all individuals, while providing the utmost professionalism, dignity, and respect in the performance of our duties.

As you review this annual report, it will serve to provide more transparency and accountability of your law enforcement department, and reflection on our continued enhancement of services through our monthly community walks, increased foot, and bicycle patrols to provide more accessibility for individuals to effortlessly communicate with officers, authentic dialogue with the Chief's Advisory Board, as well as advanced training for our police officers to expand their technical skills, crime prevention techniques, and cultural competency, in order to fairly and equitably serve all individuals.

This document also provides a road map towards our future goals and commitment to ensuring the City of Lexington remains one of the top safest cities in Virginia, through the utilization of advanced crime reduction efforts and expanding our services, transparency, and accountability to the public with updated technology for reporting and investigating incidents. Additionally, we will bolster our positive community engagement through honest and open dialogue with our community members, increasing police officers' alternative means of patrol, and groundbreaking community enhancement initiatives. Furthermore, we will continue to review and update our police policies and operating procedures to guarantee our police officers are practicing modern and national law enforcement standards, which will complement our renewed and robust police training curriculum on such topics as cultural diversity, mental health awareness, verbal de-escalation tactics and active threat response.

The women and men of the Lexington Police Department proudly serve you with honor and distinction as we look forward to the continued partnership with our esteemed community members.

Geographic Information



The City of Lexington was established in 1778 and is located at the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It was chartered as an independent city in 1966 and was listed on the National Register for Historic Places in 1972. Since its establishments, the main industry has been education. The City of Lexington is home to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and Washington and Lee University (W&L), which contributes to high levels of cultural activity and tourist traffic flow in the community. Other contributors include, but are not limited to, the Lime Kiln Theater, Fine Arts in Rockbridge, and the Rockbridge Historical Society, amongst numerous other community organizations. Recreational opportunities within and around the City of Lexington include the Natural Bridge State Park, Virginia Horse Center, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Goshen Wildlife Management Area, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and more. In a city that boasts with southern hospitality and hometown charm with a deep historical connection, there is something for everyone to love!

The Lexington Police Department is authorized 18 sworn law enforcement officers and 4 civilian support personnel who serve a population of approximately 7,300 residents across 2.5 square miles. The Lexington Police Department is committed to community engagement, service excellence, and the pursuit of justice so that the community can remain confident in the department's ability to serve and protect those that live, work, and visit the City of Lexington. The Lexington Police Department has maintained accredited status by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) since January 1998.

Elected Officials

Title	Name	Term
Mayor	Frank Friedman	1 January 2021 - 30 December 2024
Councilmember	Marilyn Alexander	1 January 2021 - 30 December 2024
Councilmember	Leslie Straughn	1 January 2021 - 30 December 2024
Councilmember	Charles Aligood	1 January 2021 - 30 December 2024
Councilmember	David Sigler	1 January 2023 - 30 December 2026
Councilmember	Chuck Smith	1 January 2023 - 30 December 2026
Councilmember	Nick Betts	1 January 2023 - 30 December 2026

Mission

We, the members of the Lexington Police Department, exist to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion. We are committed to the preservation of peace and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees. With community service as our foundation, we are driven by goals to enhance the quality of life and fostering a sense of public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The Lexington Police Department is dedicated to providing a quality work environment and the development of its members through effective training and leadership.

Organizational Structure

Angela M. Greene, Chief of Police

Administrative Assistant

Deputy Chief of Police

Patrol Lieutenant

School Resource Officer (SRO)

Sergeant

Corporal

Officer

Sergeant

Corporal

Officer

Sergeant

Corporal

Officer

Sergeant

Corporal

Officer

Admin. Lieutenant

Chaplin

Special Enforcement

Cadet(s)

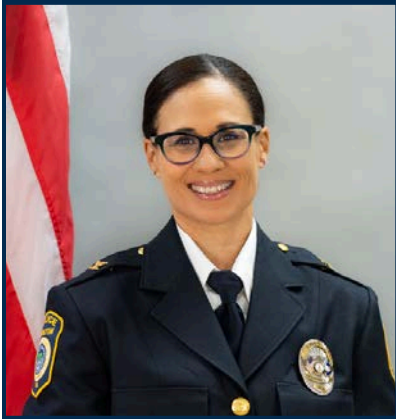
Criminal Detective

Records Manager

Accreditation Manager

Meet Our Staff

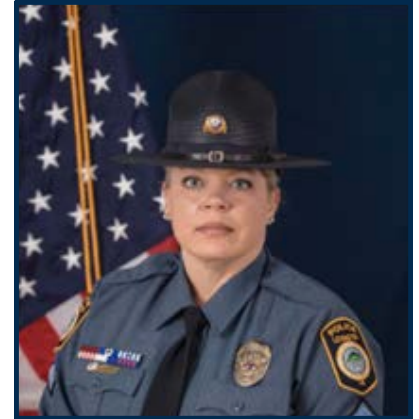
ADMINISTRATION



Angela M. Greene
Chief of Police



Ronald D. Condry
Patrol Lieutenant



Cherie H. Padgett
Administrative Lieutenant

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF



Pamela Y. Roberson
Administrative Assistant



Taylor M. Fischer
Accreditation Manager



Sandy L. Burke
Records Manager

Meet Our Staff

A-SHIFT



Jessica A. Burks
Sergeant



Claude O. Hartbarger
Corporal



James A. Clark
Officer

B-SHIFT



Nathan B. Kesterson
Corporal



Corey M. Iannotta
Officer

Meet Our Staff

C-SHIFT



Gregory W. Gardner
Sergeant



Loran S. Dreelin
Corporal



Wesley A. Baker
Officer

D-SHIFT



Matthew D. Lombardi
Sergeant



Michael T. Stogdale
Corporal



Christopher R. Barron
Officer

Meet Our Staff

CRIMINAL DETECTIVE



Donovan M. Lewis
Corporal

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



Ricardo L. Haston Jr.
Corporal

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT



Reginald Turner

Meet Our Staff

RECRUIT OFFICERS



Harlie M. Curry
Officer



Steven N. Stewart
Officer

POLICE CADETS



Jordan L. Coleman
Virginia Military Institute



Zachary G. Sturm
Virginia Military Institute



Aidan A. Nicely
Mountain Gateway
Community College

Police Chief's Advisory Board

The Police Chief's Advisory Board was created in 2021 to enhance the police department's engagement with the community. The board consists of 11 carefully selected community members who assist with providing input and recommendations on topics such as police-community relations, public awareness of services and programs, community policing policy initiatives, racial equity issues, use of force, mental health response, criminal activity and trends, and transparency in operations. The Advisory Board meets four (4) times per year and each member serves a two-year term. The Lexington Police Department will select 11 candidates for the second Police Chief's Advisory Board in 2024.



Michele Thymmons



Richelle Alexander



Mary Harvey-Halseth



John Mormon



Stephanie Wilkinson



Anna Kennedy



Tuck Bowerfind



Chuck Newhouse



Albert Vargas



Bianca Volpicelli

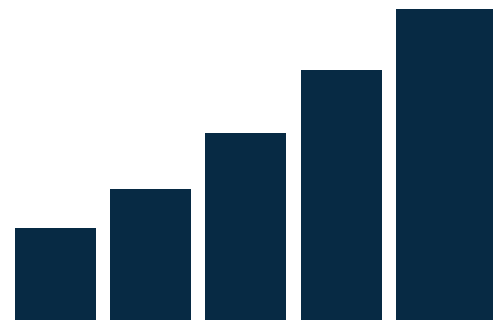


Patrick Hinley

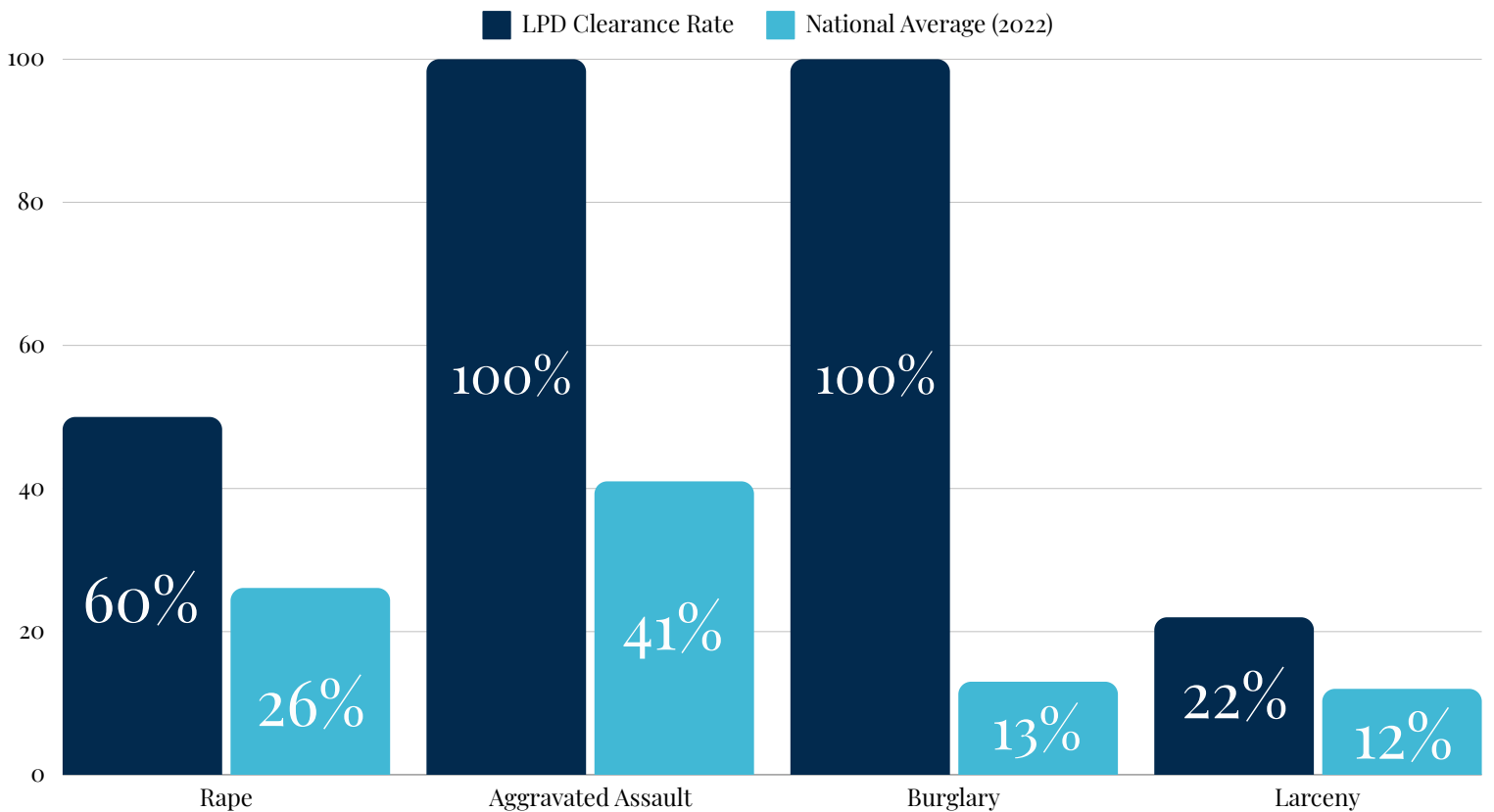
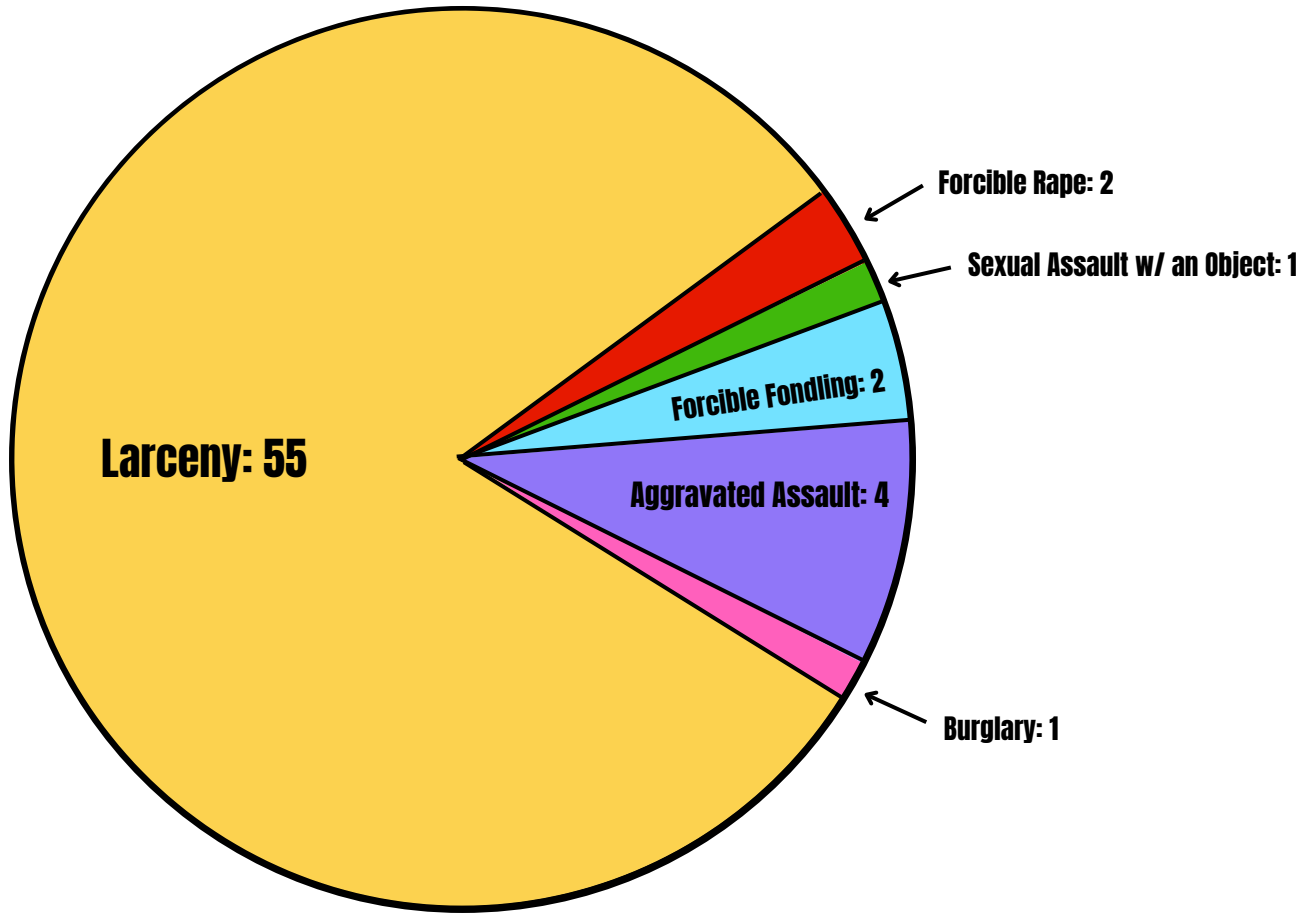
Law Enforcement Services & Statistics

CRIME TYPE	2020	2021	2022	2023
Misdemeanor Charges	143	123	136	174
Felony Charges	38	43	24	67
Drunk in Public	19	14	19	22
DUI	8	9	11	11
Speeding	248	316	291	333
Parking Offenses	540	242	1166	806

WARRANTS SERVED	2022	2023
Misdemeanor	168	118
Felony	45	67



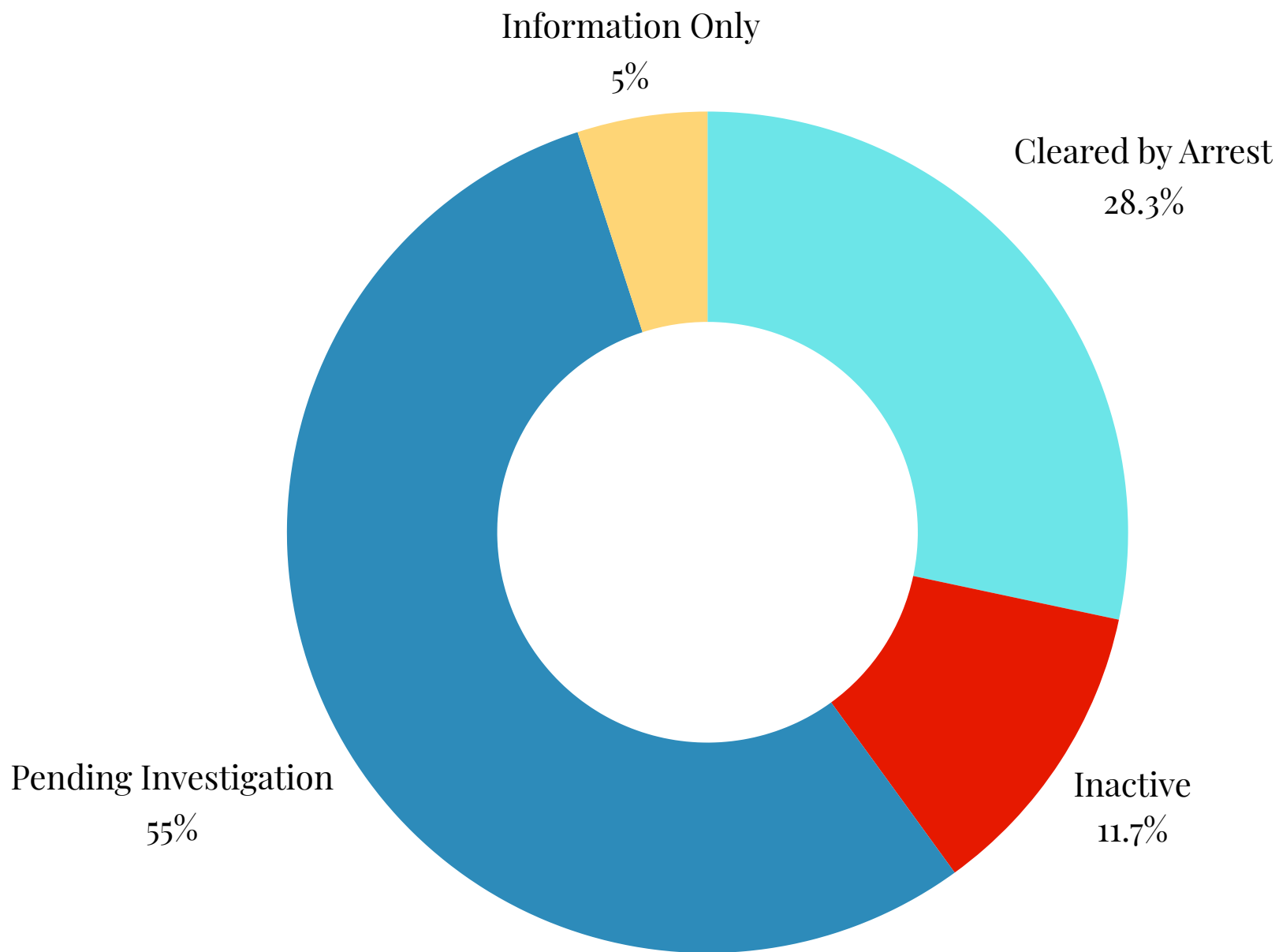
Major Crimes Analysis



*Any case related to sexual assault is classified and reported as a "rape" offense.

Investigation Results

The total number of investigations in 2023 was 60. In 2022 there were 33 investigations.



Professional Standards

Use of Force	
Total	6
Primary Type of Force Used	
ASP	0
Display of Firearm	2
Tire Deflation Device	0
Oleoresin Capsicum Spray	0
Physical	4
Taser	0
Injuries	
Officer	0
Suspect	0
Disposition	
Justified - In Policy	6
Justified - Other Violation	0
Pending Further Investigation	0
Excessive Force	0

Complaints and IA Investigations	
Total	8
Categories	
Criminal	0
Demeanor	2
Job Performance	0
Legal Procedure	0
Use of Force	0
Conduct Unbecoming	0
Internal Investigations	2
Other	4
Disposition	
Demeanor	Unfounded
Demeanor	Verbal Consultation
Internal Investigation	Verbal Consultation
Internal Investigation	Unfounded
3 - Other	3 - Sustained
1 - Other	1 - Verbal Consultation

Budget

OPERATIONAL			
FY-21	FY-22	FY-23	FY-24
\$341,783	\$400,687	\$318,471	\$336,114
PERSONNEL			
FY-21	FY-22	FY-23	FY-24
\$1,560,832	\$1,724,802	\$1,852,796	\$2,001,924

The Lexington Police Department is one component of the budget for the City of Lexington and is based on the City's fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th.

The total police department budget for FY-24 was \$2,338,038,. Of this amount, \$2,001,924 was committed to personnel costs for salaries and benefits. The remaining \$336,114 was committed to operational costs.

Agency Activities

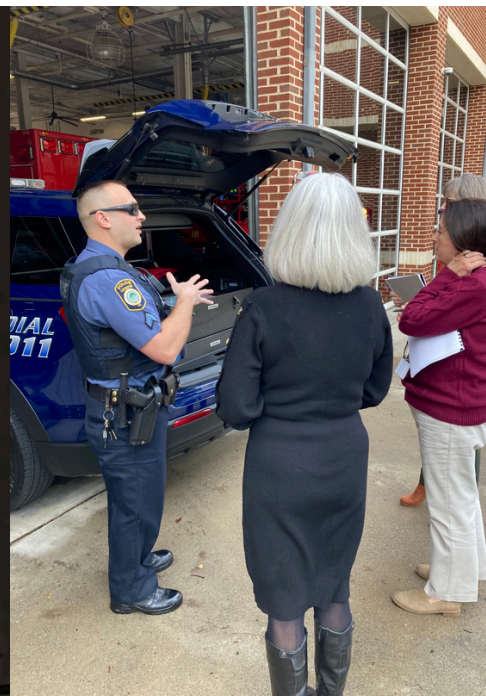


Accreditation

Since January 1998, the Lexington Police Department has held the prestigious status of accreditation under the auspices of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). This achievement represents a milestone in the history of the Lexington Police Department as practically every employee contributes in some manner to the success that is represented in achieving agency accreditation.

State accreditation is the best measure of an agency's compliance with professional law enforcement standards, as determined by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Commission consists of Virginia sheriffs and police chiefs selected for their expertise and knowledge. Adherence to an acknowledged body of professional standards may help protect an agency against a variety of potential liability problems.

Compliance with the professional standards set forth by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission is evaluated by a team of certified assessors on a four year cycle. Proof of compliance must be shown for all 192 applicable standards each year. The Lexington Police Department was evaluated in January of 2023. In March of 2023 the Commission granted the agency its seventh reaccreditation.



Jr. Police Summer Camp

The Lexington Police Department partnered with the VA Attorney General's Office, Lexington Police Foundation, The Community Foundation, and numerous community organizations to host its second two-week long, Jr. Police Summer Camp. This camp was open to the youth in the City of Lexington as well as within the surrounding areas, and more than doubled in participation compared to last year. Each day averaged approximately forty-two campers. Our camp focuses on fostering the development of positive relationships between the community's youth and police staff while also offering fun, educational opportunities, and lessons on healthy lifestyle choices. This year, the LPD partnered with several community organizations and services including, but not limited to: Natural Bridge State Park, Natural Bridge Zoo, Caverns at Natural Bridge, Dinosaur Kingdom II, VA Safari Park, Virginia Military Institute, Washington & Lee University, Greater Rockbridge Area Skateboarder Coalition, R/C Theater, Friends of Rockbridge Swimming, Lexington/Rockbridge Juvenile and Domestic Courts, Rockbridge Regional Emergency Communications Center, and Lexington City Schools.



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Halloween Costume Contest



The Lexington Police Department held its 5th Annual Halloween Costume Competition in October 2023. Three LPD Personnel dressed up in costumes and submitted a photo to be posted to the department Facebook page for the community to vote for their favorite. Costumes were Jessie, A Cursed Witch turning into a Creature, and Dr. Alan Grant.

After the voting period was over, results revealed that LPD's Accreditation Manager, Taylor Fischer, dressed as Toy Story's, Jessie, was the winner. This is Ms. Fischer's third, consecutive win in the costume contest!

Community Walks

Community Walks were established in 2021 to create more accessibility for the community to communicate with police personnel, members of the Lexington Fire Department, and other community organizations. This gives residents an opportunity to meet those that serve them in a non-critical environment and allow them to communicate questions or concerns they may have.

Each month, the police department selects a street within the community to host a walk and invites all members of the community to attend. In 2023, the Lexington Police Department conducted 10 community walks at the following locations: High St., Myers St., Tucker St., Edmondson Ave., Chavis Ave., Summit St., Arpia St., Senseny Ln., Wills Rd., and Confederate Cir..

The Lexington Police Department posts location of Community Walks on their social media.

A Day in K

Members of the LPD participated in A Day in K - an event for rising Kindergarteners. This event offers the opportunity for community members to meet school leaders & teachers, Fire & Police Departments, and familiarize themselves with other community organizations such as the Community Services Board, United Way Rockbridge and more!



National Drug Take Back



Members of the LPD and Rockbridge Sheriff's Office participated in the DEA's National Drug Take Back. This is a biannual event that provides the community with an opportunity to properly dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications -- no questions asked.

Safewise - VA's Safest Cities

In 2023, the City of Lexington was ranked as the 3rd safest city in Virginia, according to the survey by Safewise.com.



Recognitions



Corporal M.T. Stogdale
The Distinguished Service Medal



Corporal L.S. Dreelin
The Life Saving Medal &
The Life Saving Medal with 1 Bronze Star

Departures

Deputy Chief M. Scott Fitzgerald



Deputy Chief Fitzgerald attended James Madison University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree. He was hired by the Lexington Police Department in 2004 and until his departure had served his entire career with the department. He performed the functions of Patrol Shift Supervisor, Fleet Manager, Quartermaster, General Instructor, Driver Instructor, Intermediate Weapons Instructor, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Instructor, and Deputy Chief of Police during his tenure with the Department. Deputy Chief Fitzgerald departed from the Lexington Police Department in March of 2023.

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