



# Stafford County Sheriff's Office Annual Report 2016





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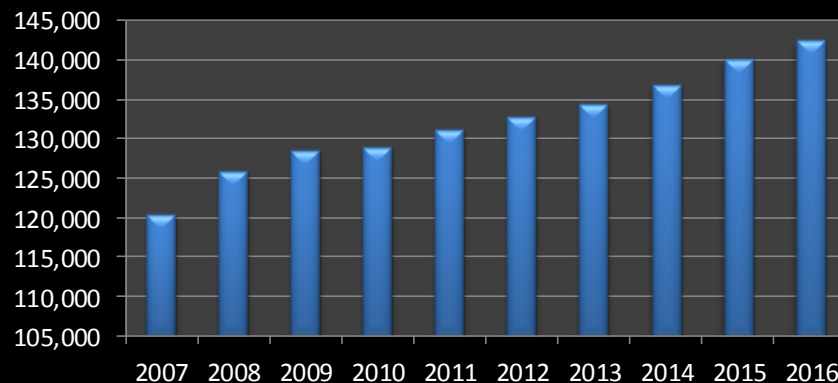
## Stafford At A Glance

In 1664, Stafford County became one of the first counties in Colonial Virginia to appoint a sheriff. Since then, a long line of sheriffs have served the county, including many who influenced the direction of our young nation, such as George Mason and William Fitzhugh. Sheriff David P. Decatur became Stafford’s 108th Sheriff in 2016. Today, the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office has 271 members and is responsible for law enforcement, court operations, emergency communications and community engagement.

Stafford County is a vibrant and growing community whose citizens are focused on preserving its historic treasures, many of which played an important role in the events that shaped our nation’s history. For example, George Washington grew up at his boyhood home on the banks of the Rappahannock River in Falmouth, Aquia sandstone was quarried for the White House and the U.S. Capitol at Government Island, and many African American slaves traveled the “Trail to Freedom” through Stafford’s Aquia Landing. The Stafford Sheriff’s Office is honored to protect these historic assets and works closely with citizens, businesses and the Stafford County School system to preserve them for future generations.

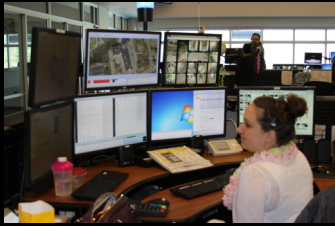
For more information on the Sheriff’s Office, visit [www.staffordsheriff.com](http://www.staffordsheriff.com). For more information on Stafford County, visit [www.staffordcountyva.gov](http://www.staffordcountyva.gov).

## Stafford County Ten-Year Population Growth





A Stafford dispatcher successfully helped a father deliver his baby boy when a midwife could not reach their house in inclement weather. The dispatcher walked the father through the delivery until a Stafford Fire and Rescue unit arrived. Mom, dad and son were all doing well.



January



The Sheriff's Office held its annual Awards Ceremony, honoring law enforcement personnel for providing exemplary service to the community.

May

During August, then Presidential candidate Donald Trump visited the Stafford County Sheriff's Office and met with staff and family members. Also during August, another successful National Night Out was held at Stafford Marketplace. Participation and attendance grow every year.



August



Operation Medicine Cabinet, part of the "National Take Back Initiative," took place at Stafford Hospital. Area residents dropped off more than 770 pounds of needles and drugs to Stafford deputies for destruction at the Stafford Hospital.

October

# 2016

## Building on a legacy of excellence calls for

March



Law Enforcement and educators raised \$5,819 in their annual DARE Basketball game fundraiser. This was the most ever raised for D.A.R.E.

June

Deputy Brandon Boyle was shot five times after responding to a domestic call. After recovering from surgery, Brandon successfully returned to duty with the Stafford County Sheriff's Office.



September

Sheriff David Decatur promoted 32 staff members for high performance.

December

Second annual Stafford Christmas Parade was held. Stafford deputies provided security and traffic enforcement for the event.





# Innovation



**Stafford County Sheriff's Office leadership articulates clear expectations of excellence through modeling, mentoring and sharing knowledge.**

## Mission

We, the men and women of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with our community, are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by maintaining order, protecting life and property and reducing the fear of crime.

We will ensure the peace and safety of all citizens by upholding the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As leaders of the community, we will embrace our core beliefs: Integrity, Compassion, Fairness and Professionalism. As a team we are "Committed to Excellence" through:

### *Integrity*

We will earn and maintain the trust of our citizens by being personally and professionally accountable to the highest ethical and moral standards.

We will conduct ourselves above reproach, mindful of justice, with the courage to uphold these convictions.

### *Compassion*

We will treat everyone with dignity, respect and understanding. We will be responsive to the community and each other by being caring, sensitive and conscientious.

### *Fairness*

We will maintain a standard of what is right and proper, free from self-interest, prejudice or favoritism. We will be consistent, objective and just in all our actions.

### *Professionalism*

We will provide quality service through motivated, dedicated and well-trained employees. Our actions, attitudes and appearance will demonstrate self-discipline, attention to duty and service to our community.

## Sheriff's Message

Since I became Sheriff in January 2016, I've been humbled by the wide-ranging support I have received from our citizens. It is heartening to know that in a time when the national spotlight is focused on the role of law enforcement in America, our partnership with our community remains on favorable ground. You will see evidence of this throughout this Annual Report, in our crime prevention programs, patrol operations and community engagement initiatives.

That is not to say that we do not have challenges in these changing times. In 2016, we saw an increase in assaults on our deputies. One of our deputies, Brandon Boyle, was shot five times after responding to a domestic call. Despite his pain and injuries, his first concern was for the safety of the other deputies who were with him on that call. He also wanted to ensure his family would be safe and cared for. After many surgeries, Brandon successfully returned to duty.

Our deputies are always on alert, but we were all in a state of heightened awareness after Brandon's shooting. We faced other challenges as well. We played a greater role in traffic investigations and other areas. Although our crime rate was flat in 2016, we had some significant crimes take place in our county.

The positive side to these challenges is that they have helped us sharpen our focus on advancing transparency and accountability initiatives – factors that further strengthen community trust. We focused on specific areas to make us even better. Those areas are: Investing in People, Partnering with Our Community, Promoting Safety with Technology, Combating Crime and Enhancing Our Professionalism. You'll see these areas referred to throughout this report.

We made progress in 2016, but we have our work for 2017 cut out for us. Limited resources will continue to challenge us. Technology is one area that must remain a priority because it will help us fight and prevent crime. The opiate crisis plagues us every day, and our continued use of Narcan will help save those who still battle addiction. Mental health crises demand a large amount of time from our staff, and we will continue to look for



partnerships to help us better respond to these situations.

Fortunately, because of our strong community roots, we know we are not alone in facing these challenges. When Brandon Boyle was shot, all of us at the Sheriff's Office were surrounded by so much care and compassion from our citizens. We were inundated with questions about how people could help and we received many get-well cards and wishes. I know that this support helped Brandon and the rest of us make it through his recovery.

We are grateful for our citizens' interest in enhancing public safety. They know our neighborhoods, our businesses and our schools and want to participate in the decisions to keep our community safe. We welcome everyone's involvement because we know that we become smarter by working together rather than facing our challenges alone. Take advantage of our engagement programs, ask us questions or attend a Citizens' Police Academy. Our goal is to be as transparent and accountable as possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Sheriff David P. Decatur*



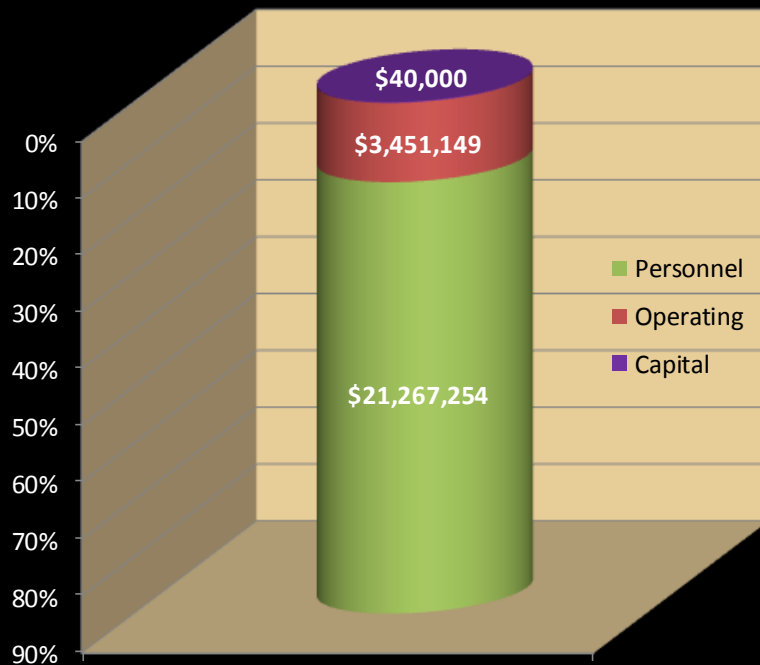
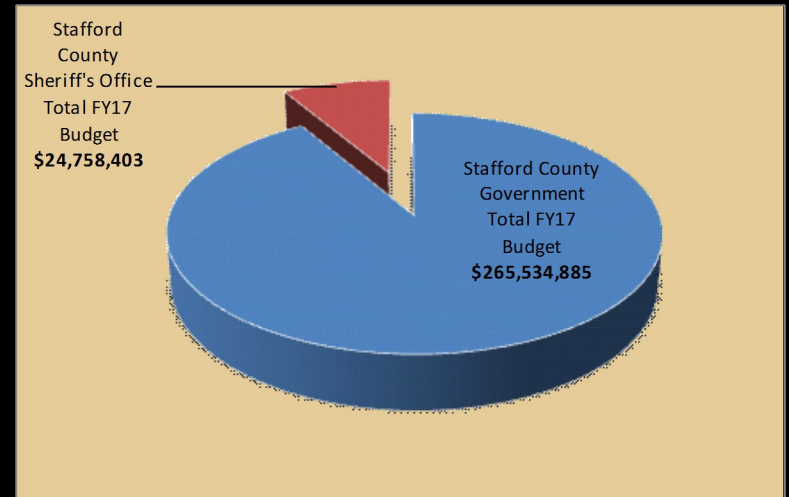
*Deputy Brandon Boyle*



## Overview — Sheriff's Office Budget

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office budget is but one piece of the overall Stafford County budget. For the FY 2017 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) the total County budget was **\$265.5 million**. The Sheriff's Office budget was \$24,758,403 or 9.3% of the overall County Budget.

The 9% slice of the County Government's budget pie divides into three major categories totaling **\$24,758,403**



**Personnel costs** include the salaries and benefits of the 271 Sheriff's Office employees.

**Operating Costs** deal with the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office to include training, technology and fuel.

**Capital Costs** include vehicles and associated equipment for the Sheriff's Office.



# Overview — Keeping You Connected

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office is committed to being transparent and accountable to Stafford citizens. A key tool to fulfill that goal is communication. The Sheriff's Public Information Officer (PIO) serves as the spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office and is on call 24 hours a day/365 days a year for media needs. The PIO is responsible for routine contact with all media outlets, disseminates information on lost children/adults and wanted criminals and responds to information requests from the public on a daily basis. In addition, the Public Information Officer acts as the Sheriff's Office photographer and social media coordinator.



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**DON'T BE SCAMMED by calling back**

Some wireless phones are receiving incoming calls that ring once and then disconnect. The call appears to be from a local or domestic phone number. When return calls are placed the call connects to an international pay-per-call number and connection fees and premium services may appear on your bill.

**DON'T AUTOMATICALLY CALL BACK AN UNKNOWN NUMBER!**

The Sheriff's Office has Facebook (Office of Stafford County Sheriff) and Twitter (@StaffcoSheriff) and both sites have been instrumental in helping to spread the word on various events and issues. In fact, the infographic to the left received 30,000 views when it was posted on the Sheriff's social media sites in 2016. Sheriff's Office personnel were eager to raise awareness of this issue so that citizens would not become victims of frauds and other crimes.

In addition, the Sheriff's website at [www.staffordsheriff.com](http://www.staffordsheriff.com) offers a multitude of resources for citizens including information about community events, media releases, crime statistics as well as requests for child car seat inspections.



12,930 Likes

455,193 Engagements



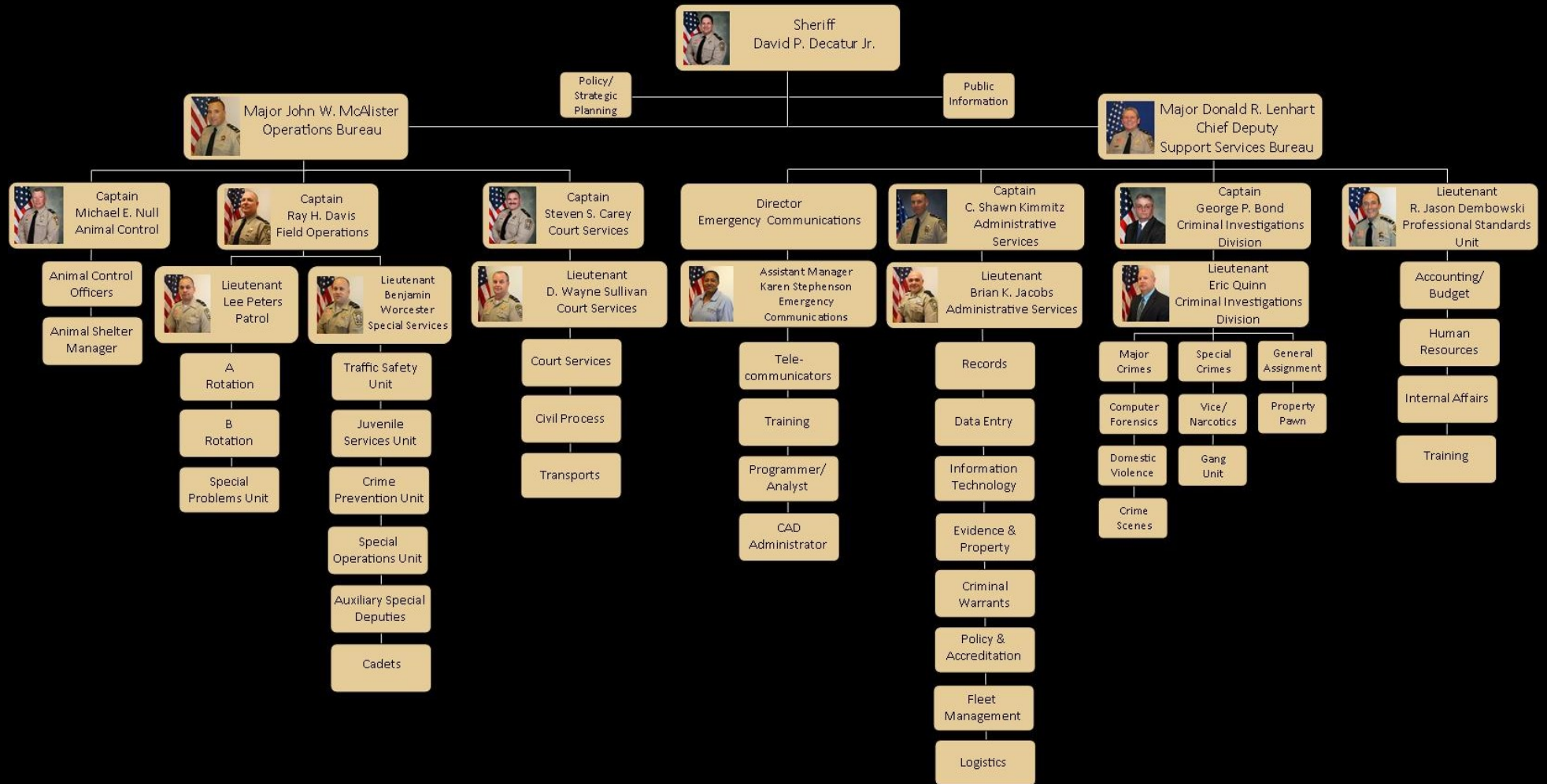
2,465 Followers





# Overview — Organizational Chart

In 2016, the Stafford Sheriff's Office was divided into two bureaus: Operations and Support Services. Each bureau is led by a Major, who oversees a number of divisions and sections. The new structure is helping to increase accountability and enhance transparency, teamwork and collaboration across the agency. The new structure will also allow staff to focus on proactive crime prevention and community policing. Details on each bureau are provided later in this report.





Our staff members are the agency's greatest resources; investing in them through training, promotions and other opportunities remained a top priority.

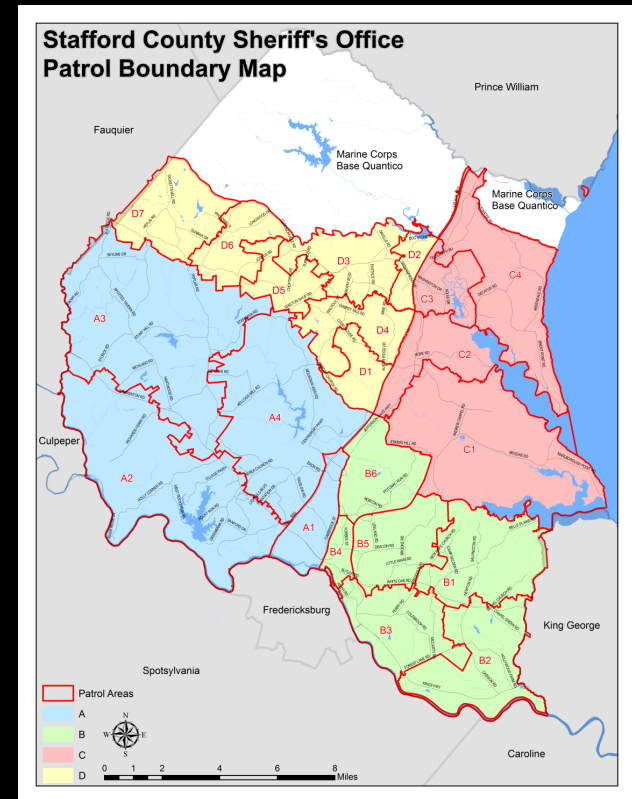


# Overview — County Coverage

The Sheriff's Office staff covers a lot of ground each day keeping Stafford's 142,380 citizens safe. In 2016, the agency was able to augment its current staff with nine additional positions. Every new law enforcement officer enhances the services the Sheriff's Office provides to its citizens.

Stafford is divided into four patrol areas. Each area is comprised of smaller zones. Deputies routinely patrol the same geographic areas, allowing them to get to know the streets, neighborhoods, businesses and people. Forming relationships and building trust is at the very heart of community policing.

**193 Deputies**  
**43 Dispatchers**  
**277 square miles**



Weekly crime stats for each patrol area are available by email. Visit [www.staffordsheriff.com](http://www.staffordsheriff.com) and click on the Crime Reports link on the left side of the homepage.

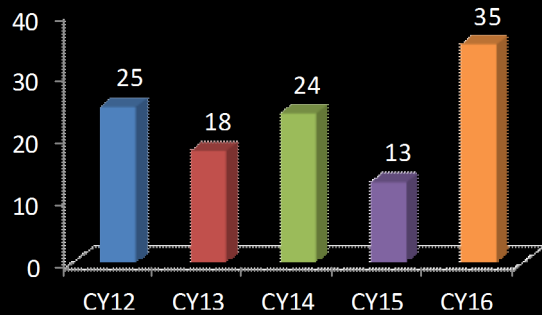


**17**  
Elementary Schools  
**8**  
Middle Schools  
**5**  
High Schools



# Overview — Deputy Performance

## Assaults on Deputies

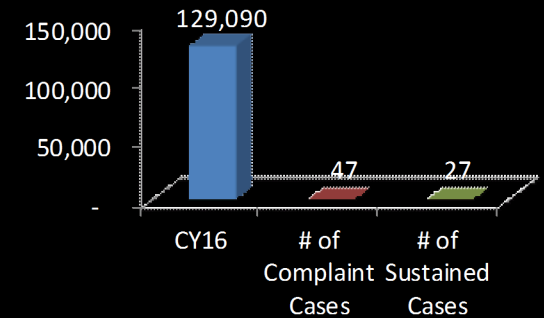


Each year, deputies put their lives on the line to protect Stafford County. The graph above shows the number of assaults on deputies over the past five years.

The image of the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office depends on the personal integrity and discipline of each and every one of the Sheriff’s Office employees. The Sheriff’s Office encourages citizens to bring forward legitimate grievances regarding misconduct by personnel. The Sheriff’s Office investigates all complaints made by citizens. In addition, many of the complaints investigated are internally initiated by the Sheriff’s Office. Proactive internal investigations ensure the public that Sheriff’s Office personnel adhere to the highest standards in performance.

## Personnel Complaints

In 2016 the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office responded to 129,090 calls for service. The 47 personnel investigations accounted for less than .036% of all the calls responded to by Sheriff’s Office Personnel. Of the 47 cases investigated for policy violation and complaints, 27 resulted in a sustained violation.



Two D.A.R.E. Officers cover all of Stafford’s elementary schools. Each middle and high school has a School Resource Officer.





# AWARDS

The Sheriff's Office held its annual awards ceremony in May 2016 to honor law enforcement personnel who have provided exemplary service to the community.

Sheriff David Decatur presented honorees with awards for their actions and performance. Meritorious Awards were given for emergencies in which a Sheriff's Office member demonstrated judgment, ingenuity or performance that clearly exceeds what is required and expected. Commendation Awards were given in instances during which a Sheriff's Office member demonstrated exemplary service. Traffic Safety Awards were given to deputies for traffic safety prevention, education and enforcement. Community Awards were given to citizens for their long time support of the Sheriff's Office. A Unit Citation Award was given for overall excellence during a specific event or incident.

Individuals were selected by an Awards Committee consisting of personnel from the Operations Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Civil/Court Division, Emergency Communications Center and Administrative Services. Individuals were nominated by other deputies or personnel of the Sheriff's Office. The committee evaluated the nominations and forwarded them to the Sheriff for his review and action.



## Civilian Recognition

Each year, the Stafford County Sheriff's Office recognizes its civilian employees who have provided exemplary service to the community and the Sheriff's Office. A ceremony is held in May to honor the efforts of civilian personnel and to recognize four individuals who personify the core values of the Sheriff's Office: Integrity, Compassion, Fairness and Professionalism.



Rita Kooiman  
Integrity Award



Nicole Bates  
Compassion Award



Kim Mix  
Professionalism Award



Cathy Henderson  
Fairness Award

Master Detective Timothy Covington, shown in first photo at right, was the recipient of the Medal of Valor for rescuing a man from the icy waters of Aquia Creek. The Medal of Valor is the highest award given by the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. Deputy First Class Andrew Spotts, shown wearing a uniform in the second photo at right, received the Silver Star for exposing himself to great personal risk. Deputy Spotts was recognized for his efforts to assist an individual who had set himself on fire. He also rescued an elderly woman from that individual's home which was filling rapidly with thick smoke. His quick response allowed the fire to be contained and saved the life of the elderly woman.



## Law Enforcement Awards

### Commendations

Jeff Adams  
 Brandon Boyle  
 John Brunofski  
 Dale Colona  
 Timothy Covington  
 Joseph Duggins  
 Shawn Efimenco  
 Christine Hammond  
 Ronald Jones, Jr.  
 Moises Martinez  
 Anthony McCall  
 Cody McCormick  
 Edgar McCullough, III  
 Nicky McDaniel, Jr.  
 Aaron Morelli  
 Brandon Morris  
 Scott Myers  
 Todd Nosal  
 Chadwick Oxley  
 Robert Parsons

Dimas Pinzon  
 James Rector, Jr.  
 Aaron Siegel  
 Christopher Staats  
 Barry Surles  
 Joshua Truslow  
 Daren Volpe, Jr.  
 C. Darryl Wells  
 Tyler Williamson  
 Benjamin Woodson

### CPR Award

Joseph Floirendo  
 Kassandra Lawrence  
 Lee Peters, III  
 Daniel Purcell, Jr.  
 Joshua Truslow

### Meritorious

Christopher Cameron  
 Nicholas Chiappini

Robert Dembowski  
 Gregory Gabrielli  
 Thomas Grasso  
 Christine Hammond  
 William Johnson  
 Christopher Kitchens  
 Jason Kreider  
 Christian Mireles  
 Robert Parsons  
 Lee Peters, III  
 Eric Quinn  
 Barry Surles  
 Christopher Truslow  
 Joshua Truslow  
 Karl Warnick

### Unit Citation

Heather Alford  
 Katherine Haller  
 Jamie Johnson  
 Chelsea Kraft

Debra Lareza  
 Hayley Luttrell  
 Nicky McDaniel, Jr.  
 Sara Nicely  
 Ellen Pinzon  
 Natalie Satuloff  
 Lauren Sullivan

### Traffic Award

Robert Kulbeth

### Silver Star Award

Andrew Spotts

### Medal of Valor

Timothy Covington



# COMMUNITY

We built more meaningful relationships with citizens and businesses through annual events and new experiences.



## Partnerships

Community engagement and outreach are a priority for the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office enhanced existing relationships with community groups as well as established new partnerships. Opportunities to interact with the citizens, businesses and civic groups of Stafford County allow the Sheriff's Office to better understand and serve the needs of the community. Community programs include the Law Enforcement Cadet Program, Citizens' Police Academy, Project Lifesaver, Neighborhood Watch, R.A.D., TRIAD, and D.A.R.E. Basketball Fundraiser, to name a few. Car Seat inspections are provided by deputies who are certified car seat technicians. The Crime Prevention Unit makes DNA Kits available and is a resource for the entire community. Crime reports are also available on the Sheriff's Office website [www.staffordsheriff.com](http://www.staffordsheriff.com). In addition, the Sheriff's Office participates in the following programs:

### Stafford County Public Schools

School Resource Officers are in all middle and high schools, and two D.A.R.E. Officers work with elementary students. High schools also have the Youth of Virginia Speak Out (YOVASO) leadership program that focuses on saving the lives of teenage drivers. Deputies assigned to the Traffic Unit work with the school YOVASO Sponsor.

In 2016, the "Save Your Tailgate, Buckle Up" safety belt campaign was a huge success. Dixon-Smith and A.G. Wright Middle Schools won top state honors in Virginia in the "Save Your Tailgate, Buckle Up" safety belt campaign. Dixon-Smith Middle School won first place and \$500 in a statewide middle school competition. Deputy Mindy Warnick is the school's resource officer and assisted with the campaign.

### Crime Solvers

Crime Solvers is a non-profit community-based organization that works with the Sheriff's Office and the community to combat crime. The group pays individuals for tips that lead to the arrest and conviction of suspects involved in crimes. Crime Solvers holds several fundraising events, such as the



*National Night Out*

Stafford Shredding event and the Community Yard Sale, throughout the year.

### Badges for Baseball

During this annual summer program, Stafford Deputies serve as mentors and coaches to youth from community-based organizations. The goal of the five-day camp is to teach kids the fundamentals of baseball, foster a relationship with coaches and mentors and expand participants' life skills. A character education curriculum is also included.



*Special Olympics*

### Special Olympics

The Sheriff's Office supports Special Olympics every year and participates in the program's events such as the Torch Run and other special fundraisers. In 2016, Pohanka Honda of Fredericksburg provided a custom car wrap for the Sheriff's Office's Special Olympics vehicle.

### Special Star Force Cadets

The Sheriff's Office developed the Sheriff's Special Star Force Cadets, a program designed for young people with intellectual challenges, ages 13-22. Cadets experience various duties of a law enforcement officer in a safe and hazard free environment. The program is intended to be an educational and community service based program.

### National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event held at Stafford Marketplace that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Stafford's National Night Out has been recognized by the National Association of Town Watch. Participation and attendance in this celebration grow every year. In addition to the event at Stafford Marketplace, several neighborhoods throughout Stafford host their own National Night Out community events.

### Annual Christmas Shopping Spree

The Sheriff's Annual Christmas Shopping Spree provides \$100 for 100 children in the community to purchase toys and clothes for themselves. Keeping in the Christmas spirit, the children also purchase gifts for family members.



*Christmas Shopping Spree*

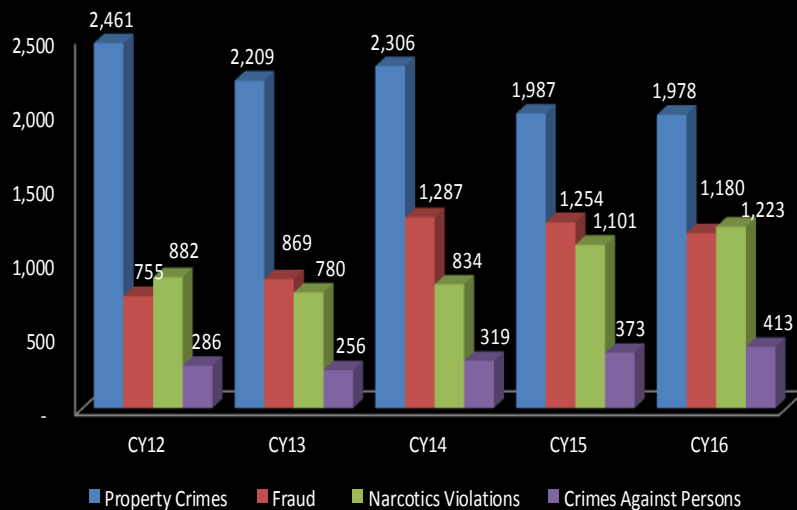


# Operations Bureau

The Field Operations Division of the Operations Bureau responds to citizens' calls for service and is also responsible for proactive initiatives. Field Operations Division staff would also manage the first responder tasks should a terrorist attack occur in Stafford County and assist other law enforcement agencies as the need arises. Field Operations is organized into two primary units: Patrol and Special Services. Patrol staff respond to calls for service from citizens and provide preventive patrol through their presence in an area. Special Services is responsible for Juvenile Services, which provide D.A.R.E. Officers and School Resource Officers to Stafford County Public Schools. Also included in the Special Services function is the Traffic Safety Unit, which manages the control of traffic movement, enforcement of traffic laws and the reduction of traffic collisions through directed enforcement and proactive crime prevention. In addition, Special Services is responsible for the Crime Prevention Unit, Special Operations Unit, Auxiliary Special Deputies, Cadets, Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, the Marine Unit, and the Drone Unit. The Operations Bureau is also in charge of the Court Services Division and Animal Control.

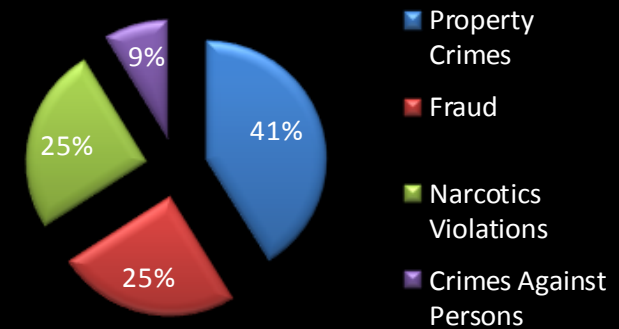
## Crime Statistics

### Total Crimes Reported for Calendar Year 2016



The offenses in the chart above are categorized as major crimes and are shown in red. They are: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft.

### Type of Crimes



This chart compares the number of reported Crimes Against Persons, Property Crimes, Fraud and Narcotic Violations in Stafford County for Calendar Year 2016. Property Crimes make up 41% of all reported serious crimes. Crimes Against Persons comprise only 9%.



# FIGHTING CRIME

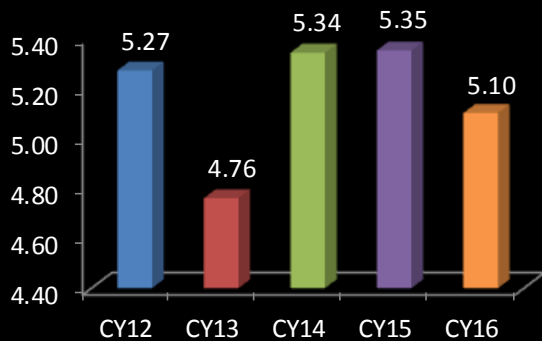
Improving response times to the community's calls for service continued to be a priority.



# Field Operations Division — Crime Statistics

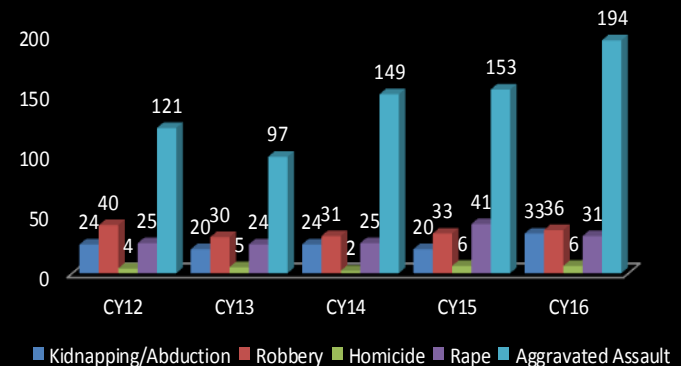


## Crime Rate Per 100 Residents



These statistics include proactive policing and investigations leading to arrests in certain categories that may otherwise go unreported. For example, Human Trafficking, Pornography, Narcotics and Gambling arrests are usually the results of proactive policing and not citizen-reported crimes.

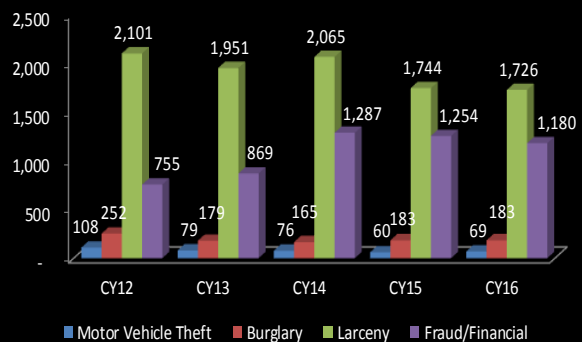
## Crimes Against Persons



Crimes against persons refer to a broad array of criminal offenses which usually involve bodily harm, the threat of bodily harm or other actions committed against the will of an individual. These include assault, battery and domestic violence.

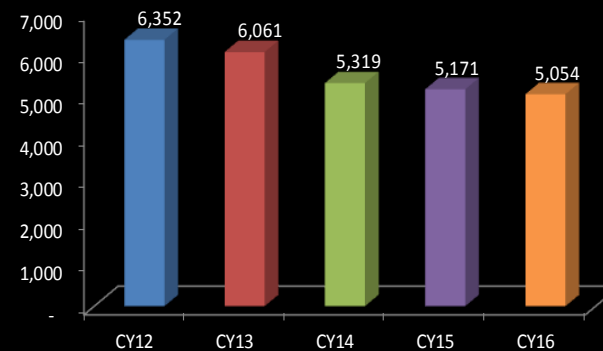


### Crimes Against Property



Property crime includes burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, shoplifting, and vandalism. Property crime involves the taking of property and does not involve force or threat of force against a victim.

### Criminal Arrests



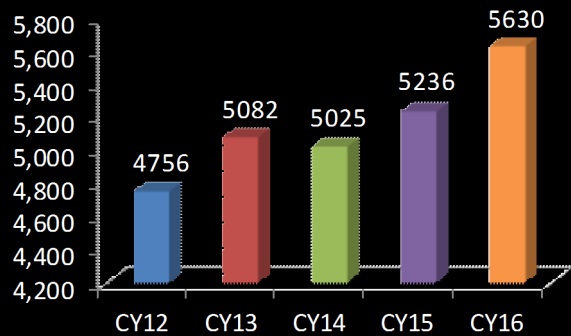
Criminal arrests continued to decline in Stafford in 2016 thanks to the Sheriff's Office's enhanced focus on proactive policing and increased community engagement.



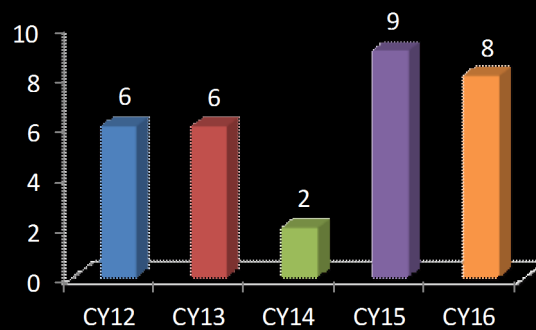
# Field Operations Division — Traffic Safety Statistics

The Field Operations Division is responsible for the **Traffic Safety Unit**, which manages the control of traffic movement, enforcement of traffic laws and the reduction of traffic collisions through directed and proactive enforcement.

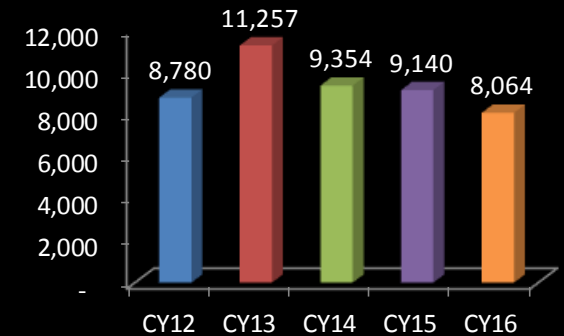
### Total Traffic Accidents



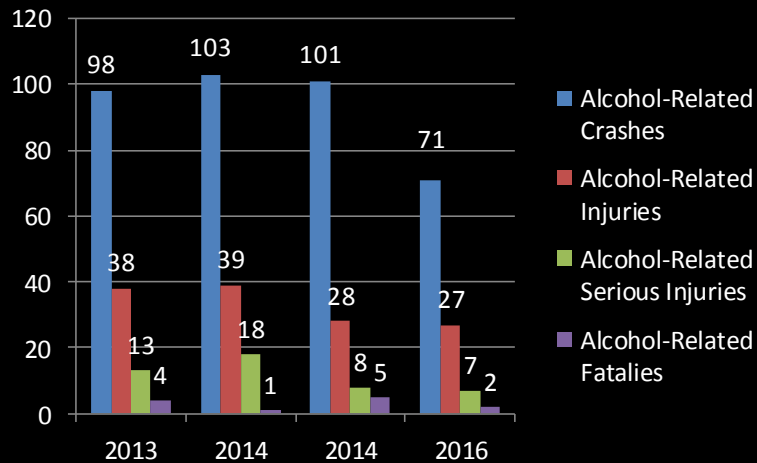
### Total Fatal Traffic Crashes



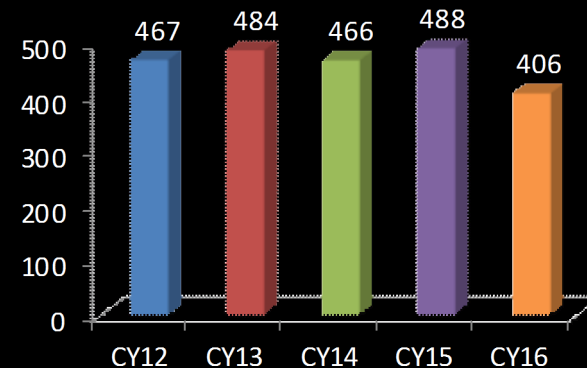
### Citations



### Alcohol Related Incidents



### DUI Arrests



# Volunteers

Volunteers play an integral role in helping the Stafford County Sheriff's Office keep citizens safe. All volunteers, except those who perform data entry, assist staff in the Field Operations Bureau. In 2016, 47 volunteers provided 6,329 hours of service at a taxpayer savings of \$202,528. Each year, the Stafford Board of Supervisors recognizes the volunteers who give the most hours of service. In 2016, the two top volunteers were from the Sheriff's Office. Nick Kopchinsky who is standing by Sheriff David P. Decatur in the photo at right, gave 1,823 hours and Mark Seymour (not shown) gave 1,273 hours. Below are the volunteers who assisted the Sheriff's Office in 2016.

**Traffic Safety Unit**

- Nick Kopchinsky
- Keith Angle
- Don Brennan
- Shelton Bradley
- Jim Brown
- Harry Charity
- Thomas Comuntzis
- Rich Dennis
- Scott Foor
- Bob Hausafus
- Rick Herdt
- Ray Hitt
- William Johnson
- Michael Mintzer
- Ed Mooney
- Dennis Ottley
- Frank Rinquist
- Howard Rose
- Joe Shusko
- Mark Seymour
- James Smith
- William Smith

- Larry Carmon
- Mark Filoso
- Juantianne Saleigh
- Kirk Clayberg
- Christina Stout
- Frank Martello
- James Kingman
- John Flinn

**Special Deputies**

- William Johnson
- Jim Klock
- Dave Varrelman

**Animal Control**

- Sonny Barbash
- Carl Burtner
- Chris Carpenter
- Chris Corico
- Christina Donigan
- Johnny Dusenberry
- Colin Hanna
- Megan Hubbard
- Sally Martin
- Anita Meyer
- Pat Murgio

**Auxiliary Deputies**

- Michael Keyes

- Mark Tucker

**Courts**

- Cecilia Miller

**Data Entry**

- Valerie Hart
- Debbie Murphy
- Celinda Graf
- Jerry Graf
- Rhonda Helms

**Search and Rescue**

- Neil Mayhew
- Leo Contreras
- Valerie Contreras
- Jim Davis
- Dymond Dempster
- Bruce Diaz
- Greg Goldstein
- Lita Goldstein
- Melissa Habayeb
- Roger Hatfield
- Maureen Johnson
- John Krause
- Josh Lenzini

- Charles Logan

- Jim Longton
- Tom Mayberry
- Courtney Millburn
- Bart Mix
- Jay Proctor
- Orvel Ronk
- Dave Rose
- Tom Seal
- Kim Shabty
- Lynda Streeper

**Chaplains**

- Ron Thayer
- Leonard Lacey
- Gary Bailey



Volunteers are recognized each year by the Stafford Board of Supervisors for their contributions to public safety and the community. The photo above shows Sheriff's Office volunteers at last year's recognition event. From left to right: Jeff Shover, Stafford County's Citizens Assistance and Volunteer Services Manager; Volunteer Valerie Hart; Volunteer Tom Comuntzis; Volunteer Nick Kopchinsky; and Sheriff David P. Decatur.



Volunteers assist the Sheriff's Office in many ways. The photos above were taken while volunteers were being trained in search and rescue techniques.

**For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact the Stafford County Sheriff's Office at (540) 658-4450, (540) 658-4470 or [www.staffordsheriff.com](http://www.staffordsheriff.com)**



# Field Operations Division — The Fight Against Drug Abuse

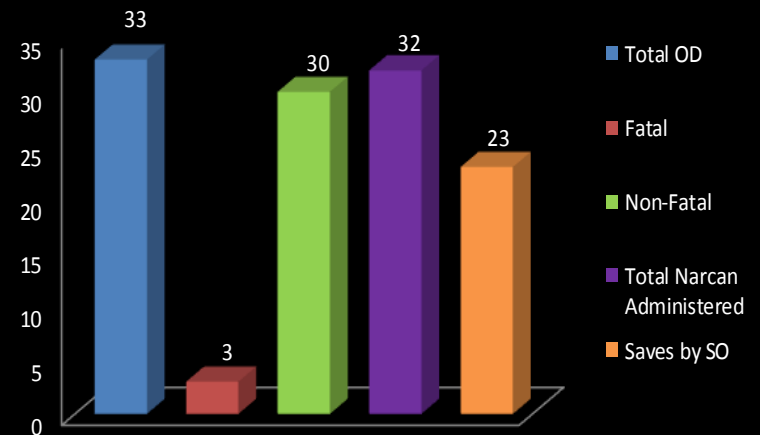


## Knocking Out Addiction

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the United States is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic. The Centers for Disease Control states that from 2000 to 2015, more than half a million people died from drug overdoses and that 91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose. Stafford is not immune to this plague. From 2012 to 2016, Narcotic Violations increased 27%. To help combat this crisis, the Sheriff's Office has implemented many programs. All deputies were trained in the use of Narcan, a lifesaving nasal spray that neutralizes heroin/opiate overdoses. In addition, the Sheriff's Office set up the Youth At-Risk Committee, a group of parents, local business owners, educators and law enforcement personnel, whose main focus is committed to educating the public on potentially dangerous substances, drugs or practices in which some young people may be engaging in Stafford County. In addition, the Sheriff's Office has teamed up with the Knockout Addiction program officials to raise awareness of the drug addiction problem in the Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania region.



## Overdoses and Narcan Uses by the Sheriff's Office



All of Stafford's deputies began carrying Narcan in their vehicles in August 2016. The figures above show the drug activity from September - December 2016 and the impact of Narcan. In 2016, since the inception of the Narcan program, 23 lives have been saved from fatal overdoses.



# Operations Bureau

## Court Services Division

The Operations Bureau oversees the Court Services Division. The Court Services/Civil Process Division provides a variety of services such as security at the Stafford Courthouse, prisoner transportation and the processing of all legal civil procedures.



**Courthouse Visitors Screened**  
209,121



**Prisoners Transported**  
5,817

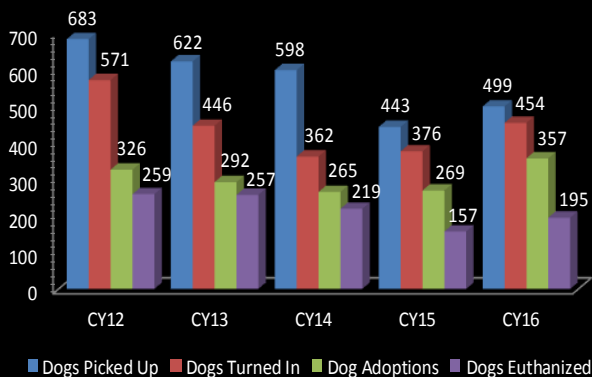


## Animal Control Division

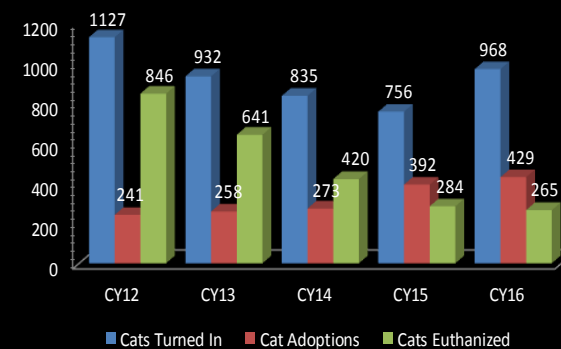
Animal Control is divided in two components, Enforcement (Animal Control Officers) and Shelter Caretakers. Animal Control Officers conduct routine patrol public safety measures to ensure a safe coexistence with animals and people, provide education presentations and respond to complaints concerning animals. Additional duties include impounding stray, sick or injured domestic animals. Animal Control Officers work with other agencies to place animals. Shelter staff handles adoption, redemption and euthanizing when necessary.

In 2016, 314 animals were transferred, resulting in a reduction of daily pet populations, staff workload, veterinarian care costs and stress on animals. In addition, 20 animals were spayed or neutered with the assistance from DMV Pet Friendly license plate sales.

### Activity Involving Dogs



### Activity Involving Cats





# Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau consists of the Criminal Investigations Division, the Administrative Services Division, the Professional Standards Unit and the Emergency Communications Division. Staff monitors and coordinates technology initiatives, service delivery programs, crime patterns and data shifts, budget efficiencies, community expectations and the impact of new laws and regulations on the provision of law enforcement.

## Criminal Investigations Division

### Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit handles the assignment and investigation of all major crimes. These include murder, rape, robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

The total cases assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division is 1,915.

- Search Warrants Issued ..... 119
- Court Orders Issued..... 117
- Direct Indictments ..... 244
- Felony Warrants ..... 445
- Misdemeanor Warrants ..... 54
- Child Forensic Interviews..... 67

### General Assignment Unit

The General Assignment Unit handles runaways, missing persons and property crimes.

- Search Warrants Issued ..... 79
- Court Orders Issued..... 141
- Direct Indictments ..... 234
- Felony Warrants ..... 310
- MISD Warrants ..... 60
- Property Recovered.... \$505,736.91

### Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit manages drug-related crimes and investigations.

- Search Warrants ..... 138
- Court Orders ..... 4
- Direct Indictments ..... 119
- Felony Warrants ..... 213
- MISD Warrants ..... 95
- Surveillance Events ..... 231
- Surveillance Hours ..... 591
- Control Buys ..... 23
- Money Spent ..... \$8,752
- Est. Value of Prop. Seized ... \$171,586
- Est. Value of Drugs Seized .. \$273,766



## Major Cases

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office relies heavily on teamwork to solve crimes. One such case occurred in October 2016 when a multi-week investigation led to the arrest of Darrell John Edwards, who was charged with Distribution of Heroin, Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of a Firearm with Schedule 1 Narcotics. Also arrested was April Anne Coles, who was charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin.

Another case involved a brutal sexual assault of a driver along Kings Highway on October 31, 2016. Roberto Carlos Flores



*Roberto Sibrian*

Sibrian was arrested in November in North Carolina. The Sheriff's Office worked with many partner agencies to locate the suspect including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Lee County North Carolina Sheriff's Office, North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, King George County Sheriff's Office, Fredericksburg Police Department, Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Marshals Service.

# Support Services Bureau



The Stafford County Sheriff's Office achieved its fifth successful accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The accreditation process requires an in-depth review of every aspect of the agency's organization, management, operations and administration. Accreditation means that the Sheriff's Office is voluntarily demonstrating a commitment to law enforcement excellence and best professional practices.

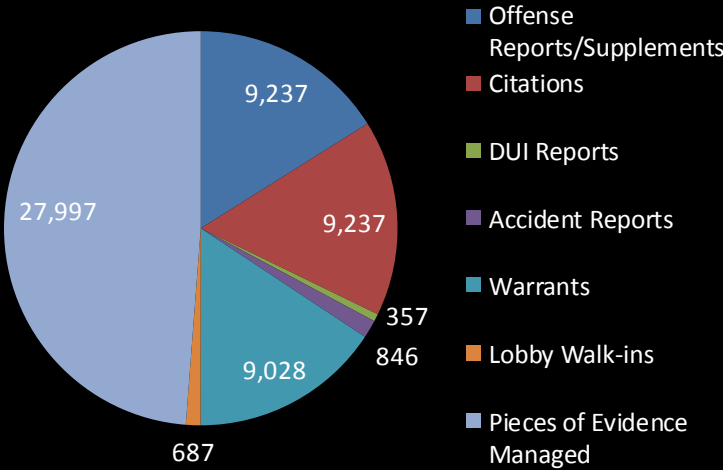
## Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division provides support for all Sheriff's Office operations including Records Management, Evidence Processing, Departmental Property, Data Entry, Accounting Review, Computer Hardware and Software, Fleet Management, Accreditation Management, Technological Research and Warrants. The Administrative Services Division provides support from behind the scenes with the ultimate responsibility of ensuring that all divisions can perform their responsibilities without interruptions and obtain the required performance levels for the citizens of Stafford County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Professional Standards Unit

Professional Standards is comprised of four separate units, Human Resources, Training, Internal Affairs and Finance. Human Resources is responsible for the recruitment and hiring of all Sheriff's Office personnel. HR staff administers employee benefits and maintains personnel records. Training staff is responsible for the documentation, certification and implementation of all training requirements. Training coordinators develop training programs and schedule all specialized training. Internal Affairs is responsible for providing oversight for the Sheriff's Office. The Internal Affairs inspector receives and investigates complaints from the community concerning Sheriff's Office personnel. Finance administers the Sheriff's Office's budget ensuring employee payroll is correct and all expenditures are processed accurately and timely. Finance also administers all state and federal grants.

## 2016 Activity Summary





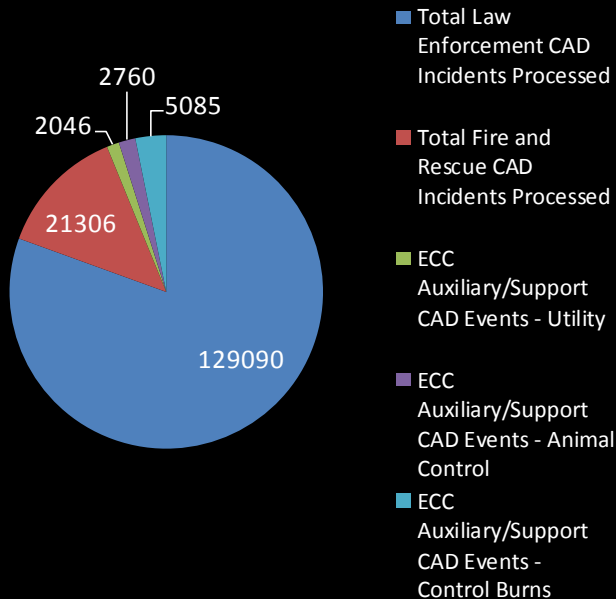
# TECHNOLOGY

Investing in the latest proven technology enhanced community services and improved public safety.

# Support Services Bureau — Emergency Communications

The Emergency Communications Division is part of the Support Services Bureau and is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year supporting operations through an ever-changing comprehensive communications infrastructure. Many improvements in 2016 enhanced the services that this division provided to the community. Pictometry was added to the division’s computer-aided dispatch (CAD) stations to allow dispatchers to see overhead pictures of locations and measure distances, all to aid in better dissemination of information to first responders. In addition, school floor plans were also added to CAD stations for dispatchers to view when communicating with first responders.

## Total CAD Incidents Processed

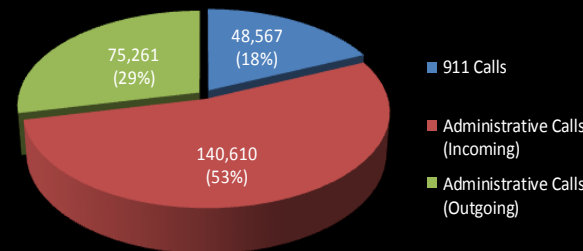


The Emergency Communications Division processed a total of 160,827 incidents in 2016. The chart above shows the type and number of incidents that dispatchers received. The majority of incidents are related to law enforcement issues, but Fire and Rescue, Utility calls after hours and Animal Control calls are also part of the division’s daily workload.



*Dispatchers in the Emergency Communications Division face stressful situations every day, but their intense training and professionalism ensure that anyone who calls 911 will hear a calm voice on the other end of the line.*

## Total ECC Phone Activity



The Emergency Communications Division processed a total of 264,438 calls in 2016. The chart to the left indicates the types and number of calls handled by the division.



# Memoriam

*The deaths of Deputy Toby Humphrey and Deputy Jason Mooney are reminders of the inherent dangers of police work, and that any given shift may end abruptly in serious injury or death. May we focus not on the death of these two public servants, but their service that was best characterized by loyalty, fearless performance of duty and faithful and honorable devotion to the principles of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office.*

In memory of our fallen brother, Deputy Sheriff Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey, who lost his life in the pursuit of serving and protecting the citizens of Stafford County. On October 9, 1980, 26-year-old Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey was killed in the line of duty by a gunman while attempting to quell a domestic disturbance. Deputy Humphrey served his community as a Deputy Sheriff as well as a volunteer member of the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad.



*Deputy Sheriff  
Ford Tyson "Toby" Humphrey*

In memory of our fallen brother, Deputy Sheriff Jason Edward Mooney, who lost his life on October 19, 2007, in service to the citizens of Stafford County. Jason Edward Mooney, age 24, was killed in the line of duty while responding to a traffic accident on I-95. Deputy Mooney epitomized public service. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Al-asad, Iraq, had been a boy scout and was also a volunteer fireman with Stafford Company 2 at the time of his death.



*Deputy Sheriff  
Jason Edward Mooney*

## Board of Supervisors

Stafford County is governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors. Board members are elected for four-year terms. Elections are held as part of the Virginia general election in November of odd-numbered years. Below are the members of the Board for 2016:

### Chairman

#### Robert Thomas

George Washington District  
(540) 658-4541  
bthomas@staffordcountyva.gov

### Vice Chairman

#### Laura Sellers

Garrisonville District  
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#### Meg Bohmke

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#### Paul Milde

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(540) 658-4541  
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#### Gary Snellings

Hartwood District  
(540) 658-4541  
gsnellings@staffordcountyva.gov

## Elected Officials

### Constitutional Officers

Stafford County has five Constitutional Officers elected by the citizens every four years with one exception. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, who serves for an eight-year term. Below are the Constitutional Officers for 2016:

#### Sheriff

David P. Decatur  
(540) 658-4450  
ddecatur@staffordcountyva.gov

#### Clerk of the Circuit Court

Kathy Sterne  
(540) 658- 8752  
ksterne@staffordcountyva.gov

#### Commissioner of the Revenue

Scott Mayausky  
(540) 658- 4132  
commrev@staffordcountyva.gov

#### Commonwealth's Attorney

Eric Olsen  
(540) 658-8780  
eolsen@staffordcountyva.gov

#### Treasurer

Laura Rudy  
(540) 658- 8700  
Treasurer@staffordcountyva.gov

**The County Administrator is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serves at the will of the Board. Below is the County Administrator(s) from 2016:**

#### County Administrator (January—August 2016)

Anthony J. Romanello

#### Interim County Administrator (August 2016 —February 2017)

Doug C. Barnes



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**Twitter: StaffcoSheriff**

**Emergency: 911**  
**Non-Emergency: (540) 658-4400**  
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