



SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Message from the Chief

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the annual report of the Smithfield Police Department for the calendar year 2013. Although the report does contain numerous facts and figures, they only represent a small portion of story of the dedicated work of the professionals at the Smithfield Police Department.

You may recall that the year 2012 was named the “year of transition” due to the fact that the Police Department was settling in with numerous promotions and new hires. The year of 2013 could be termed the year of professional stabilization. I am pleased to announce that we experienced the loss of only one police officer who departed for another agency this past year. While low turnover may seem insignificant to some, to a police agency and the citizens it protects, it means less tax dollars spent on training and purchase of specialized equipment while maintaining institutional knowledge and experience.

In addition, the Police Department was very successful in performing our core mission; the protection of our citizens and the suppression of criminal activity. In 2013, we experienced a small increase in both felony and misdemeanor arrests (4%) from 2012. Traffic summons increased 28% while the arrests for driving under the influence rose 15%. Our traffic crashes increased a mere 1%.

While the one unsolved homicide from 2012 was not actually solved in 2013, it was solved by an arrest in early 2014. The major commercial burglary we experienced in 2013 at Council Sales and Service has been solved by trace evidence comparison left by the perpetrator left at the scene. DNA analysis has directed us to the suspect and indictments are pending.

In addition to our crime solving successes, we have been busy addressing the very important element of crime prevention. For the last eighteen months, the Smithfield Police Department, along with numerous dedicated community members have been working toward receiving the prestigious distinction of being named a Certified Crime Prevention Community. This certification, issued by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, signals to all that the Town of Smithfield is engaged with its citizens, in a collaborative fashion, to prevent and deter crime. We hope to complete this process within the next couple of months. When successful, the Town of Smithfield will be one of the smallest areas in population to achieve such a feat.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

While I am proud of the numbers that are mentioned in our annual report, mere numbers do not tell the story of the countless hours the members of your Smithfield Police Department spend on the streets in an effort to make our hometown a safe place to live and raise our children. What tells the real story is the ability of our citizens to walk the streets in an environment in which they feel safe and secure. It is the feeling that one is safe to visit our businesses, night or day. It is the ability of the parent to allow their children to play in neighborhoods as we did when we were young. Those are the intangibles that the members of the Smithfield Police Department dedicated their lives in achieving. And we are proud to do it!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "St G Bowman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Colonel Steven G. Bowman
Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of this Department is to provide the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Smithfield a dynamic, responsive, professional police department that forms a partnership with the community in order to preserve law and order, achieve mutually beneficial goals and objectives, and provide security and safety services in the most efficient and effective manner.

Integrity

Honesty

Customer Service

Community Service

Dedication

Teamwork



Accountability

Trust

Positive Attitude

Respect

Commitment

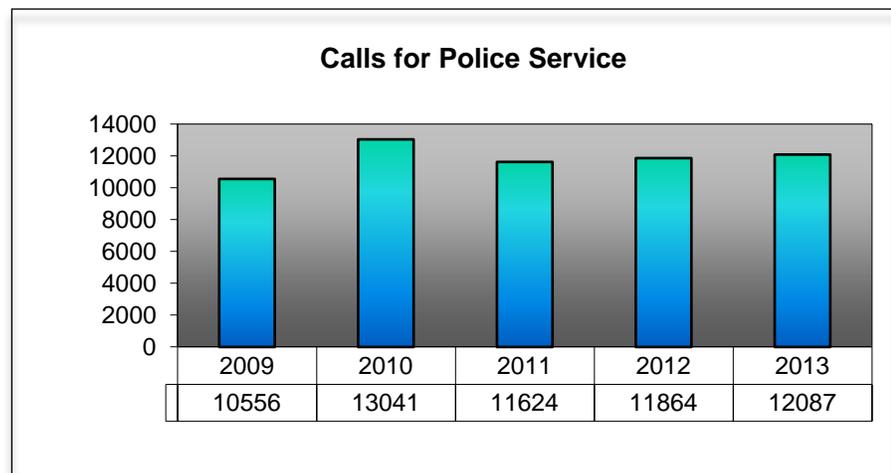
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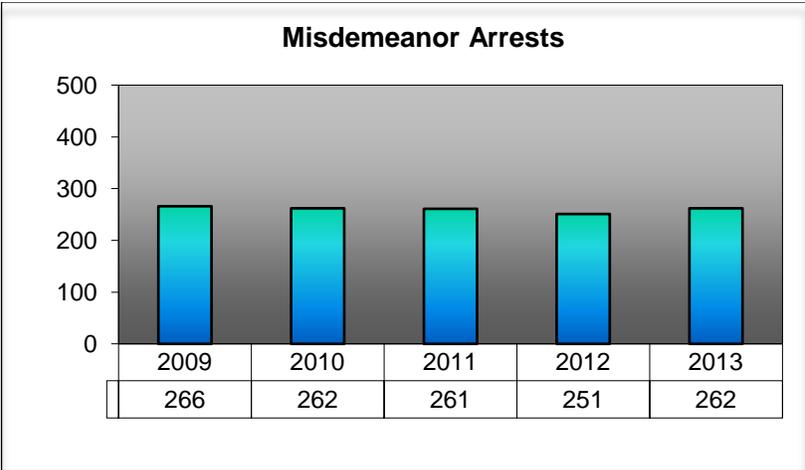
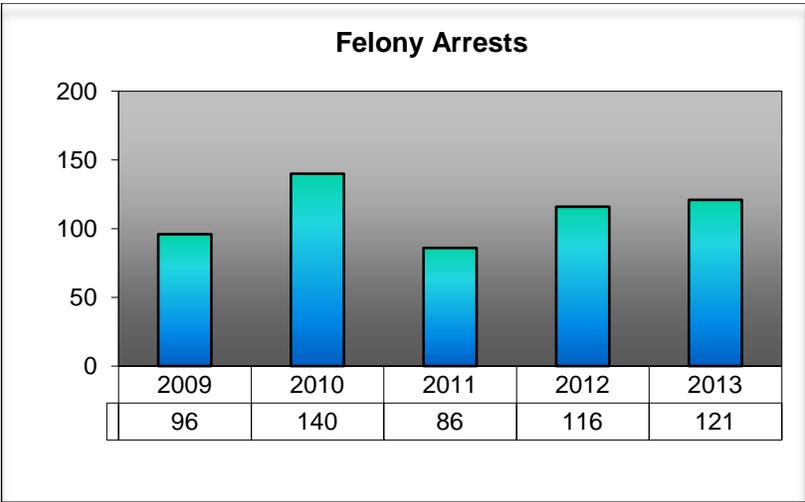
Department Statistics

Our Department saw changes in the police work dynamics in 2013.

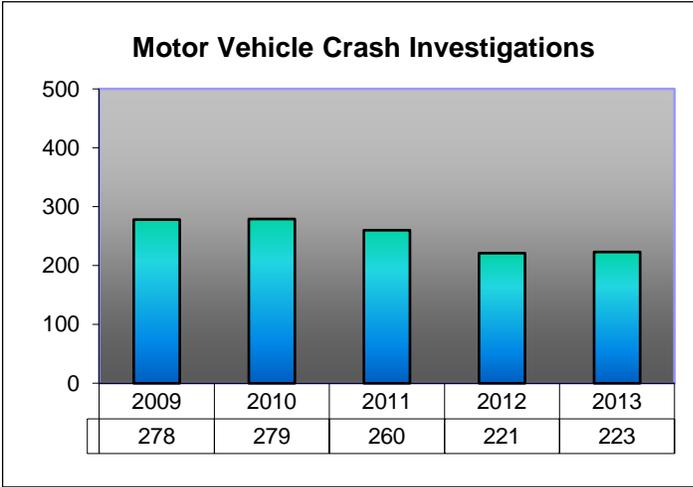
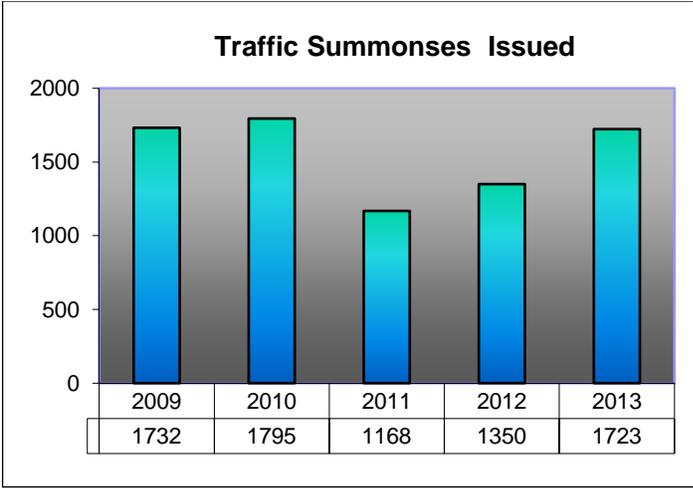
We show an **increase of 2%** in our calls for service. Felony arrests also **increased by 4%** and Misdemeanor arrests **increased by 4%**.



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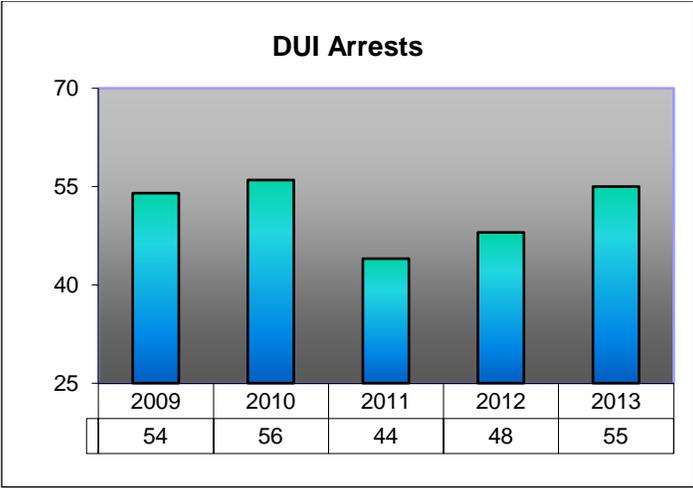


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The number of traffic summonses issued **increased by 28%**, and motor vehicle accidents investigated indicated an **increase of 1%**.

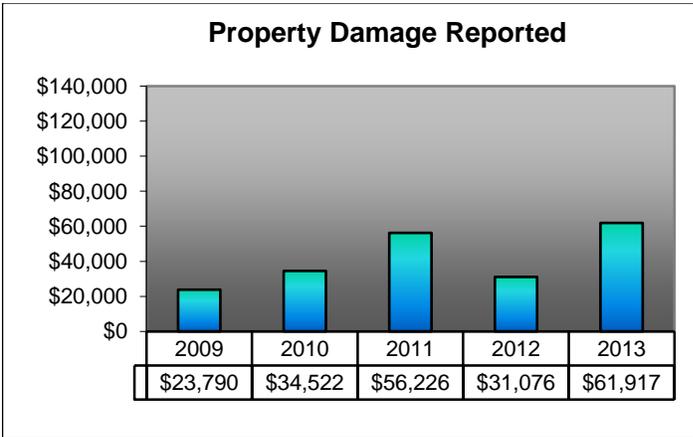
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DUI arrests have **increased by 15%**.



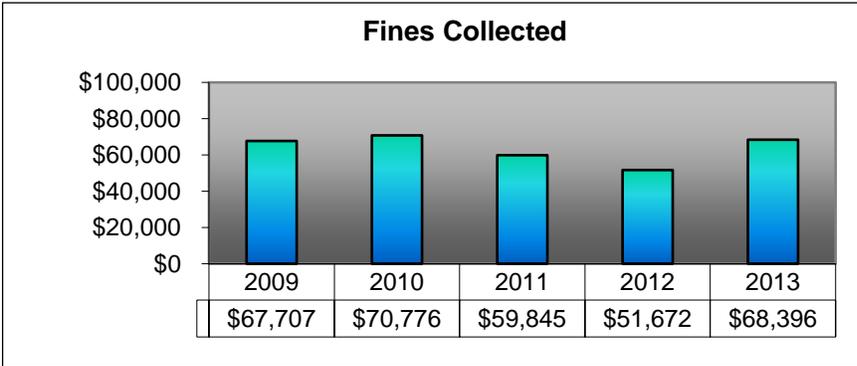
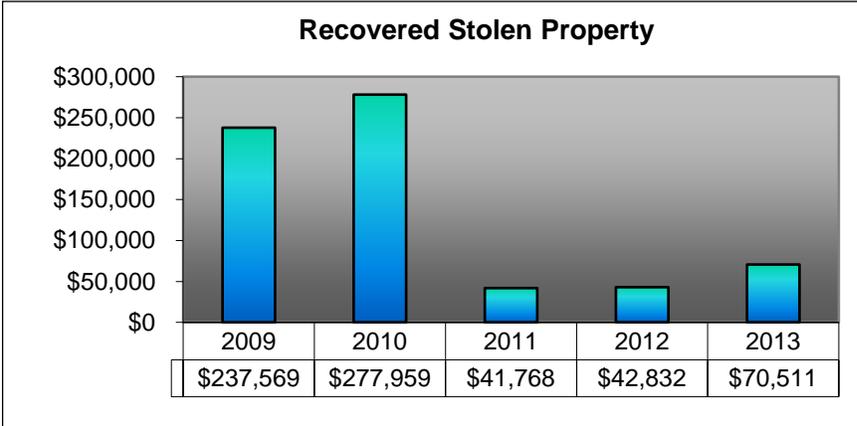
DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



Property Damage Reported **was up by 99%**. Records also indicate an **increase of 39%** in Reported Stolen Property and an **increase of 65%** in Recovered Stolen Property. Also, an **increase of 32%** in Fines collected.



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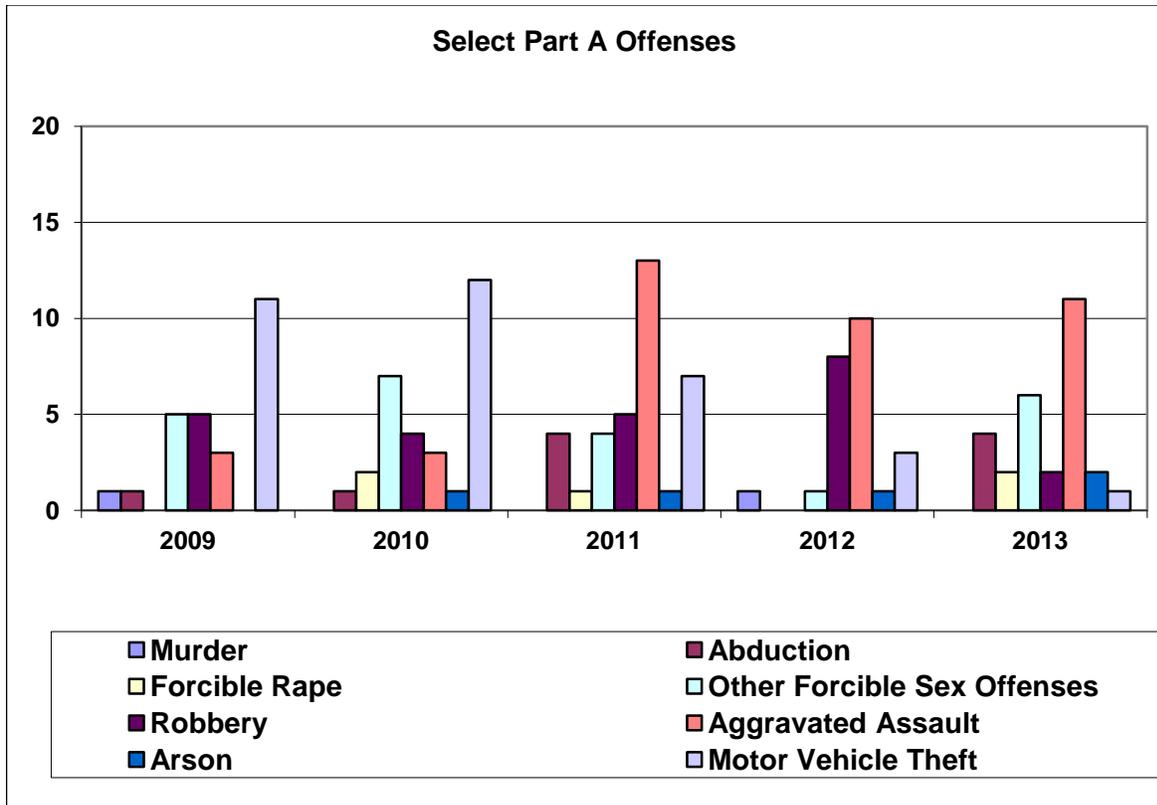
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Group A Offenses

We have included significant criminal offenses that were reported to the Smithfield Police Department during the past year, and used built-in totals since 2009 for comparison. This synopsis is part of our IBR (Incident Based Reporting) report that we provide to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Both Select Part A and Select Part B are referred to as “Group A” offenses. It should be noted however, that these criminal incidents are not inclusive of all offenses reported to police. Offenses such as bad checks, disorderly conduct, DUI, public drunkenness, trespassing, and other misdemeanor offenses are not included in this report. They are referenced in “Group B” offenses and constitute a significant portion of incident reports taken by the Smithfield Police Department.

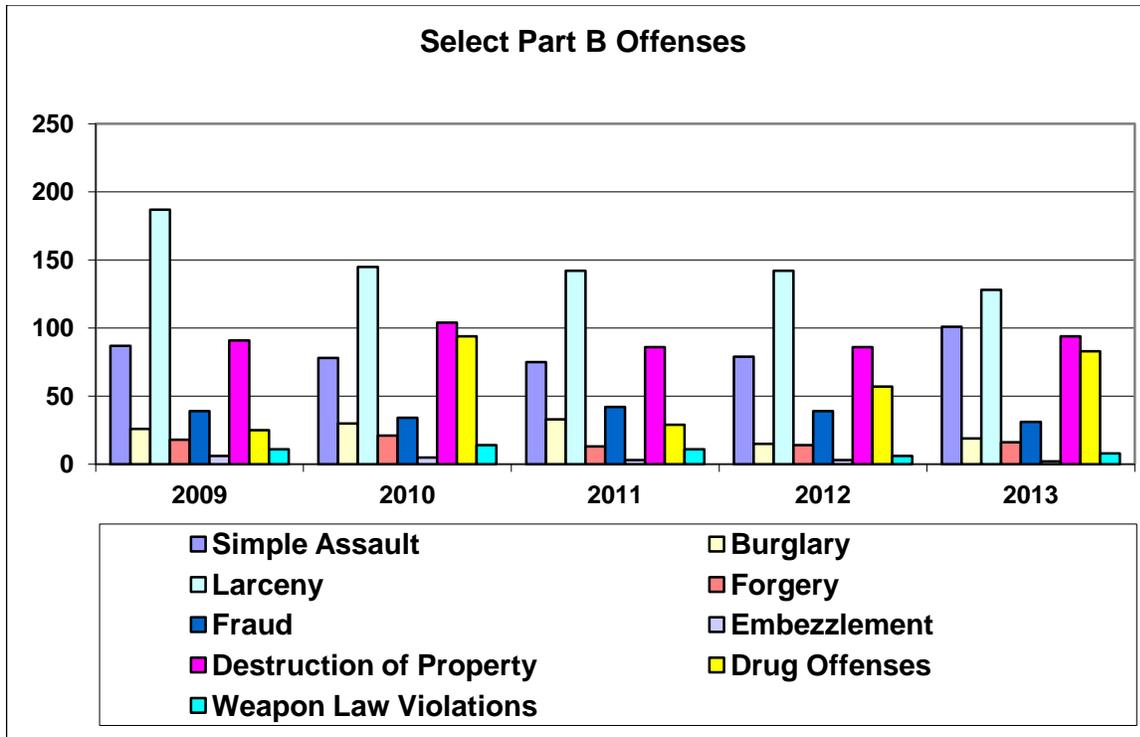


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	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Murder	1	0	0	1	0
Abduction	1	1	4	0	4
Forcible Rape	0	2	1	0	2
Other Forcible Sex Offenses	5	7	4	1	6
Robbery	5	4	5	8	2
Aggravated Assault	3	3	13	10	11
Arson	0	1	1	1	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	12	7	3	1
TOTAL SELECT PART A OFFENSES	26	30	35	24	28

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Simple Assault	87	78	75	79	101
Burglary	26	30	33	15	19
Larceny	187	145	142	142	128
Forgery	18	21	13	14	16
Fraud	39	34	42	39	31
Embezzlement	6	5	3	3	2
Destruction of Property	91	104	86	86	94
Drug Offenses	25	94	29	57	83
Weapon Law Violations	11	14	11	6	8
TOTAL SELECT PART B OFFENSES	490	525	434	441	482

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Department Highlights

Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line

Top Cop Award

The Hampton Roads Crime Line's Board honors police officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. These award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. Nominations for these awards come from law enforcement agencies, civic leaders, key individuals, and hundreds of business leaders throughout the Hampton Roads area. To qualify the nominee must:

- Reside in Hampton Roads
- Exhibit a high level of personal achievement
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership skills
- Have had a positive impact on the Hampton Roads Community

Officer Edmond Cook was selected as the 2013 Top Cop for the Smithfield Police Department. Officer Cook is a five year veteran of the Smithfield Police Department. Prior to joining our team, he served with the Hampton Police Department and has served in the Army National Guard for more than 11 years. Officer Cook has distinguished himself as deserving of this award by his diligent and unfailing service to the businesses and citizens of this community through outreach and proactive traffic enforcement measures, especially in the area of school zones. In addition, Officer Cook conducted 1409 patrol safety checks of businesses and community centers of activity. Many of these contacts were face to face contacts, in which Officer Cook interacted with the merchant or citizen. Through this close contact, Officer Cook has developed a rapport with the community that places the Smithfield Police Department in a positive light.

In addition to his proactive police work, Officer Cook consistently maintains a positive demeanor that tends to be infectious around other officers. He is willing to help his fellow officers and exemplifies all the positive traits of a Top Cop.

While many state dignitaries were present, the real heroes of the evening were the law enforcement officers and private citizens and organizations receiving recognition for their contributions to making neighborhoods and businesses a safer place to live and work.



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Translator and Interpreter

The Smithfield Police Department is fortunate that one of its officers is a former Spanish teacher. Officer Danelle Wright serves as both a translator and interpreter, in addition to her regular patrol duties. As a translator, she converts written documents from one language into another. In contrast, as an interpreter, she transacts with spoken languages, listening to, understanding and memorizing the content in the original or 'source' language and then reproduces statements and questions in a different 'target' language. Officer Wright is available to translate for the Police Department, the Town of Smithfield, the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and any other agency that has a legitimate need of her services. She was called upon numerous times in 2013 by fellow officers who requested her assistance.



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Virginia State Police H.E.A.T. Awards Program

The Virginia State Police, in cooperation and with participation from numerous law enforcement organizations and the Insurance Industry, created the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) program in 1992. Through extensive public information and education activities, as well as investigatory assistance to law enforcement, the program has reached across the citizenry of the Commonwealth. Popular too is the race car, truck, and now the motorcycle that actively races and is displayed at various functions across the state. The Smithfield Police Department is continually recognized by the H.E.A.T. program for its efforts in enforcement and its public information and educational efforts on the issue of crime and auto theft. The Smithfield Police Department occasionally hosts VIN etching events free to the public. As a part of the H.E.A.T. program, the Virginia State Police annually offer three types of awards: The LEO Award, which recognizes law enforcement officers throughout the state for their special efforts in auto theft reduction in the areas of intelligence, prevention, enforcement, and recoveries. The Operation HEATWAVE Award, which recognizes the state wide efforts of law enforcement agencies in their efforts to increase public awareness of the H.E.A.T. program, familiarize citizens with the toll free telephone number (1-800-947-HEAT), and encourage citizen participation in helping eliminate auto theft in Virginia by calling in tips on auto theft activity. The Operation Summer HEAT Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement for auto theft arrest and vehicle recoveries made during the peak months of auto theft – June, July and August.



Congratulations to Officer James Eric Phillips for being awarded the LEO Award.



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MADD Awards



Officer Joshua Powell



Officer David Adams

MADD honors law enforcement officers from across Virginia at eight regional Law Enforcement Awards Ceremonies. Officers are honored for their outstanding work on DUI enforcement and related prevention initiatives, education and training. The awards highlight the lifesaving work of law enforcement officers including Sobriety Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, specialized DUI enforcement training, prevention efforts of school resource officers and DUI arrests. This year two officers from the Smithfield Police Department were recognized for DUI arrests: Officer Joshua Powell and Officer David Adams had the most DUI arrests in the department in 2013.

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Community Relations

The Smithfield Police Department welcomes every opportunity to provide a positive interaction between the citizens of Smithfield and our police officers. We continue to actively support and promote the Community Help In Progress (CHIP) program by working in unison with local community leaders to discuss current issues and to provide healthy activities for local children. CHIP has continued to be a huge success and welcomes participation from all interested persons within Smithfield and the Isle of Wight County. Several events were also sponsored that have united our Police Department with the Smithfield community. These activities included:

- 4-H camp in Wakefield, Virginia
- Bright Beginnings with the YMCA at Target department store, Chesapeake, Virginia
- Kiwanis fishing trip at the James River Bridge
- Halloween on Main Street
- Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa at the Smithfield Center
- Homework Station, Jersey Park Apartments Community Room
- National Night Out at the Luter Family YMCA
- Smithfield Community Crime Prevention Team
- Officer ride alongs
- Pop Warner Football
- Relay For Life Basketball Tournament
- ERT Junior Officer for the Day Contest
- Police Department tours – Boy Scouts



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Crime Prevention

In 2013, Chief of Police Steven G. Bowman proposed an organizational expansion in community policing and crime prevention programming. The decision was predicated upon the professional successes of the past and making preparations for the future challenges facing community policing and crime prevention. Chief Bowman began by appointing a Crime Prevention Specialist to coordinate the crime prevention initiative managing Smithfield's Certified Crime Prevention Community Program. The program is designed to foster the development of community safety initiatives at the local level. The goal of the program is to publicly recognize and certify localities that have implemented a defined set of community safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community safety/crime prevention effort. One of the first of its kind in the nation, the program requires that a locality meet 12 core community safety elements/strategies and a minimum of seven approved optional elements in order to be certified. These elements include:

- Crime Prevention Newsletter "[The Thin Blue Line](#)"
- A DCJS certified Crime Prevention Specialist
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Community Policing/Crime Control Program
- Organized distribution of safety literature
- Law enforcement agency must be accredited
- TRIAD
- Gun Safety program
- Interagency Code Enforcement
- Domestic Violence Program
- Designation of staff trained to conduct community safety assessments
- Existence of a local crime and safety coalition
- Functional crime analysis capability
- Comprehensive school safety audit process
- Business Outreach (Watch) Program
- On-site victim/witness services program
- Delinquency Prevention Program
- The National Night Out
- HEAT

Smithfield Police Department provides the following free programs:

- Avoid Scams Training
- Bank Robbery Training
- Child is Missing
- Bike Registration
- Bike Rodeo
- Business Assessments
- TRIAD
- Child Car Seat Installation
- Safe Halloween
- Gun locks
- HEAT Program
- Home Security Assessments
- ID Theft Training
- Internet Safety Training
- Investment Fraud Training
- Lock Box Program
- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety Training

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Specialized Units

Throughout 2013, the specialized units of the Smithfield Police Department maintained close ties with regional law enforcement entities and participated in several joint-jurisdictional events.

The primary responsibility of the Smithfield Police Department Motor Unit is the reduction of traffic related incidents within the Town through RADAR enforcement. The Motorcycle Unit not only patrolled the streets of Smithfield, it was called upon to participate in presidential escorts, funerals, parades and festivals throughout Hampton Roads. To qualify for the Unit, officers must pass a rigorous selection process that includes an 80 hour Police Motorcycle Operators Course. Once selected, members participate in regional motor training, honing their high speed, low speed and precision riding skills.

The Marine Patrol Unit primary operation is ensuring compliance of rules and regulations on the waterways within the town limits. The Unit assisted the United States Coast Guard (USCG) by locating and rendering aid to a boater in distress on the James River, prior to it being towed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Unit provided security on the Pagan River for the Town of Smithfield's 4th of July fireworks celebration, Olden Days maritime events, the 2nd Annual Smithfield Wine and Brew Fest, and summer patrols. One unit member attended the US Coast Guard Search and Rescue Forum, focused on increasing first responders' teamwork and communication on the water during an emergency.

The primary mission of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) is the entry and securing of specified locations as a result of executing an arrest or search warrant in anticipated situations of violence, when a hostage or barricade situation exists, an unusually dangerous environment, or circumstances exist that would dictate the immediate entry of a location for the protection of life. In 2013, the team executed several warrants and assisted other jurisdictions in other tactical operations. In addition, the ERT members performed thorough training in simulated intense situations to enhance team readiness.

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Training

During 2013, all members of the Smithfield Police Department received required in-service training mandated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Several members of the department also received specialized training as noted below:

- Police Motorcycle
- Police Boat
- Police Bicycle
- Emergency Response Team
- Gang Conference
- General Instructor School
- Firearms Qualification
- Cultural Diversity
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Property and Evidence Management
- Anti-Terrorist Intelligence
- Incident Based Reporting
- Virginia Law Update
- LIVESCAN
- VCIN Level "A" and "B"/Instructor/Recert
- First Line Supervisor
- Radar Operator
- Field Training Officer
- FBI Homegrown Violent Extremists & Use of Homemade Explosives
- Taser Instructor/Recert/Qualification
- Survival Spanish
- Tac Ops East
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Awareness
- Active Shooter
- Basic Homicide Investigator
- Lidar Instructor
- Leadership & Generational Issues
- 48th Annual State Crime Clinic
- Intoximeter EC/IR II/Certification/Recert
- VA Victim Assistance Academy
- VA Victim Rights Conference
- Known Sex Offender Training
- Communicable Disease
- Tactical Boat Operator Course
- General Instructor
- Bill of Rights
- VA Child Labor Laws
- Mobile Command Post
- Basic SWAT School
- Terrorism Awareness
- Ritual Crime & Occult Training
- DUI Summit
- Highway Safety Workshop
- Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
- Records Management System
- Dispatch
- Criminal Drug Interdiction Techniques/Concealment Locations
- Intro Crime Prevention
- VA Fusion Center Liaison Officer
- GCSO-NHTSA SFST Refresher
- Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police
- GLOCK Training
- Reid School of Interview and Interrogation
- FBI National Academy Associates of VA
- Sovereign Citizen/Gang
- Intervening at the Crossroads
- 7th Annual State TRIAD Conference

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Grants

The Smithfield Police Department eagerly researches grant opportunities and applies for law enforcement assistance grants. Grants can be obtained from many different agencies for a wide variety of equipment. In the 2013 grant process, the following actions occurred:

- Grants awarded
 - Grant valued at \$24,000
 - Grant valued at \$20,900
 - Byrne Justice Assistance Grant valued at \$2,413



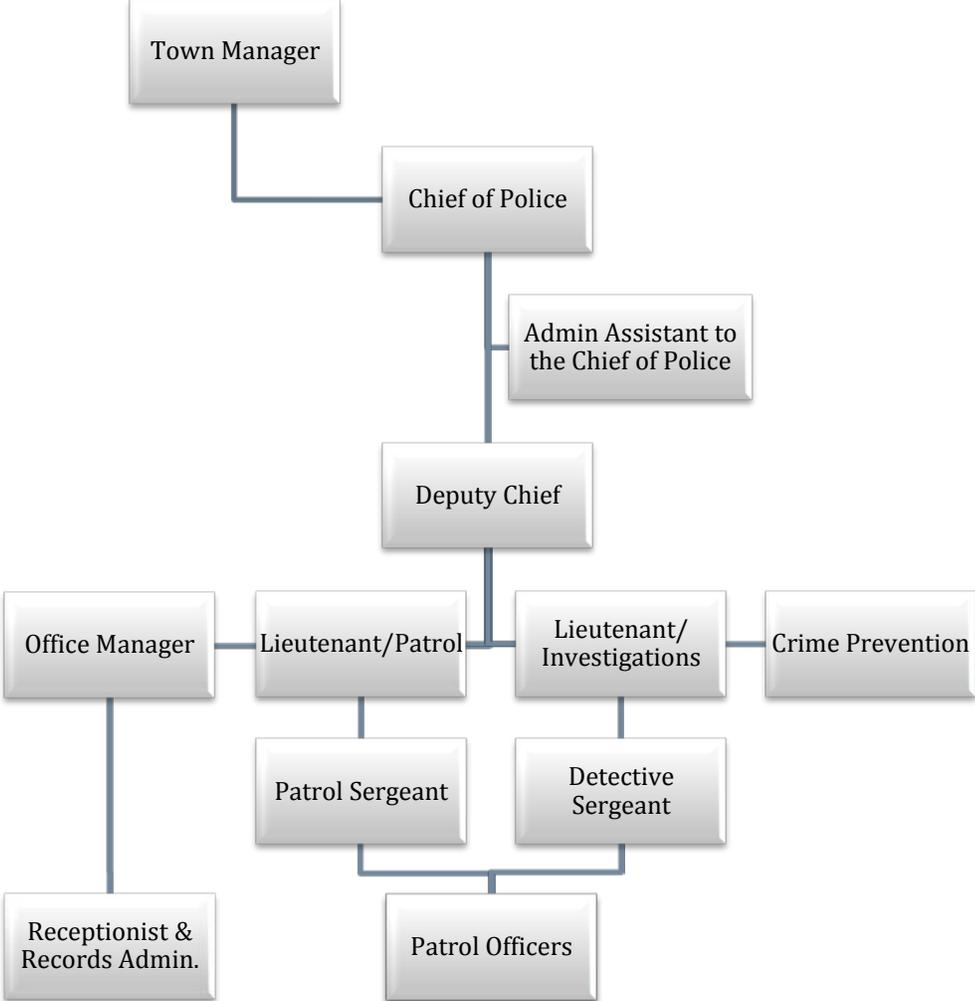
Highway Safety Grants

In 2013 Smithfield Police continued its commitment to improving highway safety. The department received grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the amount of **\$10,590**. The funding provides overtime pay for participation in the national Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign which targets impaired drivers and the Click It or Ticket campaign which focuses on occupant protection and seatbelt usage.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Organizational Chart



DEPARTMENT STAFF

Department Staff



Chief of Police
Steven G. Bowman



Deputy Chief
Alonzo Howell

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Investigative Division



Lieutenant
Patrick Valdez



Detective Sergeant
Christopher Meier

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Patrol Division



Lieutenant
Matthew Rogers

Patrol Sergeants



Bryan Miller



Thomas Jones



Patrick Araojo



Donald Brady

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Patrol Officers



Clay Seamster



Edmund Cook



David Adams



Joshua Powell



Eric Phillips



Daniel Fordham

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Patrol Officers



Nicole Anderson



Danelle Wright



Wayne Hill



Samuel Johnson



Joshua Adams



Paul Bancroft

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Support Staff



Kristi Jenkins
Office/Accreditation Manager



Annette Crocker
Secretary to the Chief of Police



Lorrie Porter
Records Administration



Amanda Weihe
Records Administration



Kurt Beach
Crime Prevention