



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Town of Vienna Police Department 2007 End of Year Report

The Town of Vienna Police Department has compiled a final summary of statistics for the year 2007. This summary covers not only juvenile and adult crime statistics but calls for service, enforcement totals, accident statistics, as well as an overall picture of the Department as a whole.

Throughout 2007 Colonel Robert A. Carlisle remained as Chief of Police and was assisted by Captain Mike Miller, Deputy Chief of Police. The remaining Command Staff consisting of three Lieutenants, Squad supervisory staff including five Sergeants, and all the other members of the Vienna Police Department continued to maintain the peaceful community atmosphere that is and always has been the Town of Vienna. The Department has reached full staffing with 41 sworn officers and continues to seek individuals that would like to become dispatchers. There are currently two openings for this position.

2007 was a year for technological progress within the Department. All cruisers have been equipped with laptop computers which allow officers to access a variety of databases to check the validity of licensing, check for warrants when a subject is stopped, and complete their case reports. All this is now done from within the officer's "office"; their cruiser. Additionally the Department continued to train individuals in the use of the Taser conducted energy device. This device and the operators that deployed them have already been responsible for bringing several situations to a more successful, less injurious conclusion. Additionally, we have continued to train officers in the deployment of the patrol rifle and "less lethal" bean bag projectiles. These tools provide officers more options to resolve situations with less injury while also providing superior firepower to protect citizens from armed criminals.

Car seat installations continued to be an area where many lives were saved indirectly. Of the 125 car seats inspected by the agency, over 80% of them were found to be installed incorrectly. Specially trained officers and civilians check car seats for town residents to help parents and/ or caregivers provide a safe mode of transportation for their little ones.

Fingerprinting services were provided for approximately 250 individuals as well as many security surveys of both businesses and homes.

Presentations on a variety of police related topics were made to a myriad of groups including schools, civic organizations, individual clubs, and residents alike. The D.A.R.E. program continued to be a part of the 5th Grade curriculums at many Town elementary schools. This program affords the agency the ability to interact in a positive manner with children and provide them with real life solutions to some of the difficult situations they may soon face.

In response to a flurry of criminal events in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center area, a group of undercover officers were deployed. The officers provided much needed intelligence for the agency and were invaluable in suppressing crime in that area. The officers conducted interviews, gathered criminal intelligence, and made arrests as necessary but they also made their presence known among the residents and store owners in the area. Going forward, the Department continues to provide a major presence in that area and patrol officers are constantly vigilant to ensure the safety of the individuals in that area.

With regard to crime statistics, the chart below outlines the individual areas of crime and calls for service that required the services of the Vienna Police. Our Detective Bureau solved many cases using the most up to date evidence techniques as well as by utilizing community contacts and leads. The Detectives also moved from police headquarters to a newly created workspace in Town Hall. Much of this construction was accomplished by officers and staff from within the Town and Police Department.

Part I offenses listed include those offenses that are felonies such as Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Auto Theft, and Arson and showed a reduction of 23%. The Part II offenses include misdemeanor crimes such as DWI, Assaults, Vandalism, Alcohol Offenses, Disorderly Conduct, and minor drug violations and showed an increase of 12%. Most of this increase was in drug violations, which tend to be officer initiated arrests, and in the category of All Other Offenses. This category is used to capture a wide variety of less serious offenses.

The next area of statistical information is the Calls for Service. These are the events for which individual citizens generally call the Department to report, but they can be officer initiated activities as well. Policing a community involves the police department itself but it is also very dependent upon the citizenry to report things which appear suspicious or out of place.

Next on the summary is the statistical information regarding traffic. The Vienna Police deal with a whole host of traffic related issues on a continual basis and have a 5 person Traffic Squad to address these issues. A by product of much traffic is unfortunately accidents. The accidents are broken down into groupings by type and severity. Reportable accidents showed a 5% decrease while injury accidents and hit and run accidents increased by 27% and 13% respectively. Total accidents increased by 2% from 499 to 511. Below that are the various violation types that were cited by officers using both parking summonses as well as the more common Uniform Traffic Summons; which is what the driver of a moving vehicle would receive should they violate the law.

Lastly, the 2007 arrests are broken down in to categories for both adults and juveniles and further delineated by offense type. As stated previously, Part I arrests are the more serious offenses and Part II arrests the less significant crimes. An arrest may entail the actual transporting of an individual to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center or merely the issuing of a summons for a less serious crime.

In summary, the Vienna Police Department had a very successful year in 2007. The Town and its residents will continue to be protected by the full service police force and its proactive officers. The quick response times, varied patrol techniques, daily traffic enforcement, undercover and gang operations as well as additional yet to be discovered policing methods, will continue to define the Vienna Police Department in 2008 and for many years to come.

<i>SUMMARY</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	214	279	-23%
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES	1128	1010	12%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	511	499	2%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	11654	12849	-9%

<i>PART I OFFENSES</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
HOMICIDE	0	0	0%
RAPE	2	2	0%
ROBBERY	5	12	-58%
AGGR. ASSAULT	5	11	-55%
BURGLARY	26	29	-10%
LARCENY	159	213	-25%
AUTO THEFT	16	11	45%
ARSON	1	1	0%
TOTAL	214	279	-23%

<i>PART II OFFENSES</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
SIMPLE ASSAULT	76	76	0%
FORGERY/FRAUD	83	81	2%
EMBEZZLEMENT	7	12	-42%
POSSESS STOLEN PROP.	0	0	0%
VANDALISM	73	86	-15%
WEAPONS VIOLATION	5	17	-71%
PROSTITUTION	1	0	100%
SEX OFFENSE	3	6	-50%
DRUG VIOLATION	68	50	36%
GAMBLING	0	0	0%
DWI	64	89	-28%
LIQUOR LAW (NO DIP/DWI)	27	33	-18%
DIP (NO DWI)	51	76	-33%
DISORDERLY	12	16	-25%

VAGRANCY	0	0	0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	551	358	54%
RUNAWAY	11	4	175%
SUSP. PERS/EVT/VEH	96	102	-6%
TOTAL	1128	1006	12%

<i>CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
ALARMS (BANKS)	68	51	33%
ALARMS (OTHER)	716	698	3%
ANIMAL CASE	387	441	-12%
DEATH-NAT/ACC.	4	2	100%
ESCORTS	103	72	43%
HOUSE CHECKS	84	56	50%
OPEN-DOOR/WINDOWS	23	29	-21%
POLICE SERVICE	369	485	-24%
SUICIDE	1	0	100%
TOW-IN	153	158	-3%
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	517	644	-20%
WARRANTS HANDLED	116	107	8%
OTHER	9113	10106	-10%
TOTAL	11654	12849	-9%

<i>TRAFFIC</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
ACCIDENTS(REPT)	196	207	-5%
ACCIDENTS (FATAL)	0	1	-100%
ACCIDENTS (INJURY)	81	64	27%
ACCIDENTS (H&R)	97	86	13%
ACCIDENTS (N/RPT)	137	141	-3%
TOTAL	511	499	2%
PARKING VIOLATIONS	512	513	0%
RADAR/LIDAR CITATIONS	1895	1798	5%
TOWN STICKER VIOL.	204	118	73%
OTHER VIOLATIONS	2605	3410	-24%
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	5216	5839	-11%

ARRESTS- CRIMINAL

<i>PART I OFFENSES</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
JUVENILES	5	7	-29%
ADULTS	31	27	15%
TOTAL	36	34	6%

<i>PART II OFFENSES</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>%Change</i>
JUVENILES	51	53	-4%
ADULTS	529	425	24%
TOTAL	580	478	21%

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