



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department 2011 Annual Report

The Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department is pleased to present its end of the year statistical summary and annual report for 2011. This comprehensive report encompasses not only criminal incidents and offenses but calls for service, enforcement activities, and crash statistics. The report also discusses cases of note and other items of interest.

During 2011 Colonel Robert A. Carlisle continued to serve as the Chief of Police. Chief Carlisle was assisted by Captain Michael R. Miller, Deputy Chief of Police. Both were aided by a command staff consisting of three Lieutenants, squad supervisory staff consisting of five Sergeants, and the remainder of the sworn and civilian members of the Town of Vienna Police Department. The Department continued to have an authorized staffing of 41 sworn police officers and 11 civilian employees as it has for more than two decades. The Department operated with three sworn officer vacancies for much of 2011 and is currently attempting to fill the last of those positions.

Officers continued to remain vigilant and extremely effective in detecting and arresting drunk and impaired drivers during 2011. Additionally, Vienna officers partnered with other local agencies on several occasions to identify and arrest suspected drunk drivers. ***Operation Extra Eyes for DWI's*** involved officers from Vienna, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Virginia State, Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority, and the U.S. Park Police.

During 2011 the Department proactively informed citizens regarding scams and fraudulent contractors in an effort to prevent residents from becoming victims. A significant effort was also made to identify and arrest unlicensed solicitors. Many individuals that go door to door and are unlicensed solicitors turn out to be wanted by other jurisdictions for criminal violations. Several of these same unlicensed solicitors have been known to prey on elderly residents by intimidating them and causing them to pay for unnecessary work. Identity theft, internet scams, and credit card fraud continued to be of exceptional concern. Prevention is known to be the best way to thwart a theft of identity and the Vienna Police made presentations to many area groups on this topic.

Theft of valuables from vehicles continued to be a significant issue. The Department implored citizens to remove all valuables and lock vehicles while unattended in an effort to minimize these losses. Investigations have determined that some criminals simply wander in to certain neighborhoods and try door handles on vehicles to see if it will open. If the door opens, these criminals rifle through the vehicle and on occasion steal items of value. Additionally, several cases were reported where a valuable piece of property was left in plain sight but inside a properly locked vehicle. In these instances thieves broke out windows to gain access.

In 2011 Vienna experienced its first homicide in 18 years. This case involves the homicide of a small child and is still being investigated by detectives as well as members of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and D.C. Medical Examiner's Office. Several mental health interventions as well as domestic assault cases were successfully handled within families in town. Of the 10 suicide attempts handled by the Vienna Police Department, only 1 was successful.

The year saw a restaurant owner arrested for embezzlement of Town funds relating to non-payment of a meals tax being collected at the establishment. A student at James Madison High School was found to be distributing narcotics using a large network and was arrested. Even churches were targets for criminals as purses were stolen during worship services.

Patrol and Traffic officers continued to address traffic related issues. A grant to allow officers to work overtime hours in this area was secured from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. As a result of officers working this overtime detail, as well as enforcing traffic laws during their normal patrol shifts, 10,198 total summonses were issued during 2011. This number includes parking summonses which totaled 942.

The Vienna Police continued to promote its *Eye to Eye* campaign. This campaign encourages motor vehicle operators, pedestrians, and bicyclists to make eye contact prior to an encounter at an intersection. In 2011 the Town of Vienna continued to experience low numbers with regard to the amount of crashes involving bicyclists or pedestrians with motor vehicles; ending the year with a total of 4. A continuing partnership with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration resulted in the collection of 483 pounds of expired or unwanted prescription medications during two separate collection events.

Vienna Police Highlights continued to be a valuable means of information dissemination for the agency. Typically published on Fridays, it is a summary of reportable incidents, calls for service, crashes, and other services performed by officers during a one week span. The publication is more in depth than a simple crime summary and allows citizens to more thoroughly understand the incidents and calls handled by our officers and staff. ***Vienna Police Highlights*** continued to be supplemented by periodic media releases on an as needed basis. Media releases are posted on the Town's newly reformatted website (www.viennava.gov) at the same time they are disseminated to the media. This allows citizens to be informed in a very quick and accurate manner in a proactive effort to head off rumors and non-accurate information sharing.

In 2011 the new Vienna Community Alert System was implemented to allow residents to receive texts and alerts as they are created. These same alerts are then simultaneously posted to Facebook and Twitter. Interested individuals can sign up online.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program continued to be taught to 5th graders at various elementary schools in Vienna. This program affords the Department the ability to positively interact with kids at a young age and befriend them. Presentations for area churches, the Patrick Henry Library, commercial offices, and schools provided those groups with in depth information on a wide variety of topics. Presentations were also made to adult groups on current crime trends and topics such as G.P.S. thefts, pedestrian and bicycle safety, identity theft, internet crime, and fraudulent criminal scams against residents. Lastly, the women's self defense classes (R.A.D.) continued and remain extremely popular.

Quite a few drug possession and narcotics distribution cases were handled by Vienna officers in 2011. Many of these investigations were initiated as the result of a traffic stop for a lesser violation and are a testament to the proactive nature of Vienna police officers. While many of the arrestees did not reside in Vienna, they frequent our area to interact with friends and patronize our establishments. These cases are typically not immediately publicized as they are ongoing investigations which will hopefully lead to much larger distribution networks.

The Town of Vienna Police Department continues to provide fast, effective safety services to those individuals living and working in, or travelling through, Vienna. The Town and its residents will continue to be protected by the full service police force and its employees 24 hours a day, seven days a week in 2012; our 65th year of service. In the coming years the Town of Vienna Police Department will continue to move forward and make advances in crime fighting techniques. Vienna remains one of the best locations to raise a family due in large part to the proactive policing done within the town. The 2011 statistical analysis is provided for your review. Please feel free to email the Town of Vienna Police Department's Public Information Officer Bill Murray at wmurray@viennava.gov should you have additional questions.

GROUP 'A' CRIMES	2008	2009	2010	2011
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS (INCIDENTS)				
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	1	2	1
Sex Offenses- Forcible	4	3	2	3
Sex Offenses- Non Forcible	2	0	0	0
Robbery	1	4 (9 Victims)	7	5
Assault Aggravated	6 (0 Domestic)	7 (2 Domestic) (2 Att. Homicides)	11 (1 Domestic)	5 (0 Domestic)
Assault Simple	64 (27 Domestic)	71 (23 Domestic)	59 (18 Domestic)	54 (22 Domestic)
TOTAL	79	91	81	69
PROPERTY CRIMES (OFFENSES)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Arson	2	0	1	1
Bribery	0	0	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	30	30	36	9
Counterfeiting/ Forgery	14	18	31	15
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	129	149	182	145
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	75	72	74	67
Embezzlement	7	3	3	2
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	52	64	94	102
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0
Larceny/Theft Offenses	245	313	253	201
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	8	13	5
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1	0	1
Prostitution Offenses	0	3	3	0
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	12	17	6	5
TOTAL	576	679	696	553

GROUP 'B' OFFENSES		2008	2009	2010	2011
Bad Checks		12	5	1	2
Disorderly Conduct		9	12	13	3
DWI		70	84	69	73
Drunk In Public		94	106	91	81
Liquor Law Violations		27	58	58	59
Trespass		24	32	35	18
All Other Offenses /Reports		295	267	256	225
TOTAL	GROUP 'B' OFFENSES	531	564	523	461

DISPATCHED EVENTS		2008	2009	2010	2011
Alarms- Bank		88	55	65	63
Alarms- All Other		594	472	542	551
Animal Cases		363	373	365	380
Death Natural/Acc/Unk		10	15	10	14
Open Doors/Windows		33	22	22	12
Police Services		295	369	396	437
Runaway		3	2	0	1
Suicides		1 (4 Attempted)	1 (7 Attempted)	0(13 Attempted)	1(10 Attempted)
Tow-Ins		143	208	81	233
Traffic Complaints		1119	981	1294	1905
Warrants Handled		101	117	113	109
Other/Traffic Stops/Business Checks		10126	10272	12073	16763
TOTAL		12876	12887	14961	20469

CRIMINAL ARRESTS	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Persons/ Offenses	Persons/ Offenses	Persons/Offe nses	Persons/Off enses
GROUP 'A'				
Juvenile	27 / 27	38 / 54	36 / 38	21 / 21
Adult	119 / 126	144 / 160	178 / 212	146 / 174
TOTAL 'A'	146 / 153	182 / 214	214 / 250	167 / 195
GROUP 'B'				
Juvenile	46 / 49	63 / 63	42 / 46	27 / 27
Adult	322 / 346	363 / 369	327 / 362	341 / 357
TOTAL 'B'	368 / 395	426 / 432	369 / 408	368 / 384
TOTAL 'A + B'	514 / 548	608 / 648	583 / 658	535 / 579

TRAFFIC ARRESTS	2008	2009	2010	2011
Citations	6508	6187	6487	9256
Parking Tickets	609	637	611	942
TOTAL	7117	6824	7098	10198

CRASHES	2008	2009	2010	2011
Crashes- Property Damage Only	189	174	122	154
Crashes - Personal Injury	42	64	42	68
Crashes - Fatal	0	1	0	0
Crashes - Fatal-Non Reportable	0	1	0	0
Crashes - Non Reportable	123	133	170	151
Crashes - H&R Property Damage	31	23	11	38
Crashes - H&R Personal Injury	4	1	1	2
Crashes - H&R Fatal	0	0	0	0
Crashes - H&R Non Reportable	41	63	82	31
TOTAL	430	460	428	444

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